

Joint Forces Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Title 32 Reporting Option

Reporting sexual assaults in the Army and Air National Guard will ensure victims receive needed assistance and offenders are dealt with effectively. National Guard members in Title 32 status (state control [AT, IDT, AGR, ADSW, etc.]) who are victims of sexual assault have one reporting option at this time, **unrestricted reporting**. Making an unrestricted report, versus not reporting the assault at all, is favored by the program because reporting triggers extensive benefits for the victim, makes apprehending and punishing the offender more likely, and protects the National Guard community from similar attacks. This sheet provides details on the entitlements of unrestricted reporting.

	Unrestricted Reporting Option
Benefits	
	Triggers the initiation of a Line of Duty (LOD) investigation, which allows victim to receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical treatment • Forensic examination • Advocacy services • Counseling assistance
	Provides Commander support to the victim (includes the possibility of separating the victim from the offender and deferring any investigation into collateral misconduct)
	Triggers Command and local investigations of the assault, which enhances the opportunity to hold offenders accountable (includes crime scene investigation, witness interviews, and suspect interrogation)
	May encourage other victims to come forward
	Enhances community safety
Limitations	
	Victim may consider consequences of reporting too intrusive
	Others will find out about the assault
	Investigation and civilian court proceedings may be lengthy
	There may be too little evidence to convict the offender