

Sailor Gram

“Sexual Assault Assistance and Awareness”

Educating our Sailors for Success!

“Did You Know?”

Victim support is a key component of the Department of Defense (DoD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) policy. As part of victim care, in April 2011 the Department launched DoD Safe Helpline as a crisis support service for adult service members of the DoD community who are victims of sexual assault. Available 24/7 worldwide, users can "click, call or text" for anonymous and confidential support.



Users have three ways seek assistance through this service -- "click, call or text" -- to get confidential support.

CLICK: Logging on to www.SafeHelpline.org allows users to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format. The website also provides vital information about recovering from and reporting sexual assault.

CALL: Calling the **telephone hotline (877-995-5247)** allows users to speak with trained Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support. Safe Helpline staff can also transfer callers to installation-based Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), On-call SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs), civilian rape crisis centers or the Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This "warm hand-off" process personally connects the user with a resource representative for further assistance. If the contact is unavailable at the time of the "warm hand-off," the Safe Helpline staff will offer contact information to the user to follow-up with support personnel at a later time.

TEXT: Texting their location to 55-247 in the U.S. and 202-470-5546 outside the U.S. allows users to receive automated contact information for the SARC at their installation or base.

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<p>Check out the Safe Helpline Web Page for information and resources:</p> <p>http://www.sapr.mil/index.php/safehelpline</p>	<p>Sexual Assault erodes the trust that we value with our shipmates. This trust is important in successfully completing our mission and equally important to enable the respect and professionalism expected by all we serve with. When our Sailors require assistance it is first and foremost necessary that they can get help on their terms, Safe Helpline is one resource that provides the confidential discussions to begin a process of reaching the resources after a tragic event.</p> <p>– MPTE Fleet Master Chief Benning</p>