

SAPR Talking Point 4: SAPR Victim Rights

SAPR Victim Rights:

- ❖ Sexual assault victims have the right to (but not limited to) the following:
 - Be treated with fairness and respect for your dignity and privacy
 - Be reasonably protected from the alleged offender
 - Express a preference on military or civilian prosecution of the offense
 - Provide inputs to the convening authority on disposition of the offense
 - Receive notice of certain proceedings and events and be present at certain proceedings unless a military judge orders otherwise
 - Reasonably confer with the prosecutor/trial counsel in the case
 - Receive restitution, if available by law
 - Proceedings free from unreasonable delay
 - Be heard at certain proceedings

Retaliation and Reprisal:

It is Air Force policy to protect individuals from retaliation, ostracism, maltreatment, and reprisal related to a sexual assault incident. See page 20 for definitions.

- ❖ When individuals engage in retaliation or reprisal, it not only violates good order and discipline, it can erode unit cohesion and undermine mission readiness. Moreover, it can deter other victims from reporting their sexual assault and receiving support services.
- ❖ Individuals protected from retaliation or reprisal include victims and/or their dependents, witnesses or bystanders who intervene or report a sexual assault, SARC, SAPR VAs, and VVAs executing their duties and responsibilities, SVCs and other First Responders.
 - Report retaliation/reprisal related to a report of sexual assault to:
 - ✓ SARC or SAPR VA
 - ✓ Special Victims' Counsel (SVC)
 - ✓ Installation/DoD Inspector General (IG)
 - ✓ Office of Special Investigations (OSI)
 - ✓ Immediate Commander
 - ✓ Commander outside the Chain of Command

Military Justice Updates:

- ❖ Ask Installation SJA for FY20 NDAA updates/changes.
- ❖ See page 19 for additional information.