



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



## Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO)

Sexual assault is a crime that harms our Service members, erodes our readiness, and hinders our ability to field the lethal, resilient, and agile Joint Force that the National Defense Strategy requires. To counter this problem, the DoD established SAPRO in 2005 under DoD Directive 6495.01. DoD SAPRO represents the Secretary of Defense as the central authority charged with preventing sexual assault in the military and facilitating recovery for survivors.

### MISSION

SAPRO promotes military readiness by reducing sexual assault through prevention, advocacy and execution of SAPR Program policy, planning, and oversight across the DoD community.

### VISION

A DoD community free of sexual assault.

Our approach is **prevention-focused** with an uncompromising **commitment to victim assistance**.

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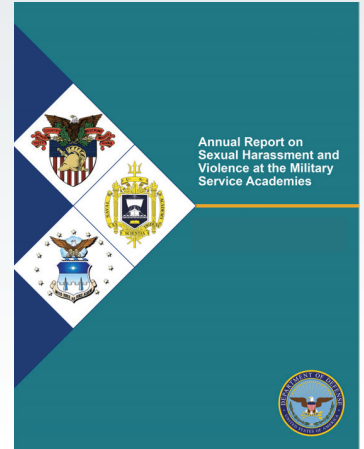
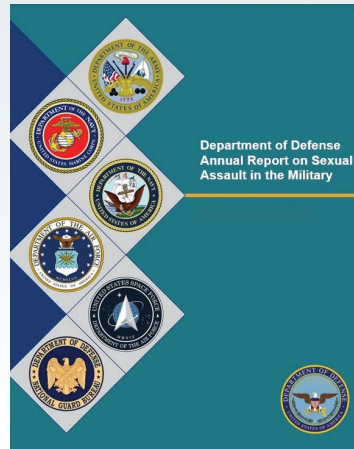
**Policy** to advance prevention efforts, provide victim assistance, and guide SAPR personnel.

**Planning** to combat sexual assault with action in five focus areas: *prevention, victim assistance, investigation, accountability, and assessment.*

**Oversight** to promote excellence in SAPR program execution and outcomes everywhere.

**SAPRO employs a research-focused, data-driven approach to assess the nature of the problem and measure progress.**

Major reports include the DoD Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military and the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies.



## SAPRO's Operational Portfolio

**VALIANT**  
VALIANT (Victim Advocates Learning, Innovating, and Networking Together) is the online community of practice for Sexual Assault Response Workforce personnel.

**D-SAACP**  
The DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) provides a required, professional certification for all Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs).

**DSAID**  
DoD Sexual Assault Incident Database (DSAID) is a centralized case-level database used to capture and report information on sexual assault involving Service members.

**DoD Safe Helpline**  
DoD Safe Helpline provides 24/7, anonymous, live, one-on-one crisis intervention, support, information, and resources to members of the DoD community who have been affected by sexual assault.