



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Prevention

The DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) is committed to eliminating sexual assault in the military and fostering a culture that promotes enduring force readiness. DoD is pursuing a holistic approach of integrated primary prevention aimed at stopping harmful behaviors in the military community before they occur. SAPRO’s approach to preventing sexual assault requires a personal commitment from every Service member. Everyone plays a key role in prevention and fostering healthy military communities.

Prevention Approach




Across the DoD, the Prevention Plan of Action (PPoA) 2.0, DoDI 6400.09, and DoDI 6400.11 provide the guiding framework for prevention. Prevention efforts use a public health perspective to deliver primary prevention that is:

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Climate-Focused</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Requires leaders foster healthy climates and a culture of prevention to ensure the military community has skills to make healthy decisions and develop respectful relationships</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Integrated</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Leverages shared solutions across two or more harmful behaviors to mitigate risk and lessen the chances of these behaviors negatively impacting readiness and retention</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Comprehensive</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Uses research-based policies, programs, and practices to cultivate enduring prevention across the levels of the social ecology to create a deeper, lasting impact</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Data-Driven</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Applies data-informed decision making to develop, implement, and continuously evaluate prevention activities to provide the maximum benefit for the largest amount of people</p>
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Building Capacity for Primary Prevention

Within DoD’s prevention framework, a major focus is building prevention capacity, which entails building the knowledge, skills, and ability of leaders and prevention personnel to plan, implement, and evaluate prevention activities that result in the reduction of sexual assault and other harmful behaviors in the military.

Enhancing Capacity to Prevent Harmful Behaviors Through...

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Technical Assistance</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">The Integrated Prevention Technical Assistance Center (IPTAC) supports integrated primary prevention planning and implementation</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">The Evaluation Technical Assistance Center (ETAC) supports evaluation of implemented prevention efforts</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Training</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training and Education Center of Excellence (SAPRTEC) delivers DoD SPARX Knowledge training courses</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">SPARX Prevention Webinar Series, workshops, and training events provide continuing education</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Research and Evaluation</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">Research and evaluation efforts are conducted through collaborative partnerships with the Military Services</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;">These efforts support the Prevention Plan of Action (PPoA) 2.0 prevention process and advance the evidence base for prevention in the military</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
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