

DECEMBER 2022

DoD issues [DODI 6400.11](#), Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce and Leaders.

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President Biden enacts the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act, removing all remaining prosecutorial authority for sexual assault cases from the chain of command and authorizing DoD to provide its civilian employees the opportunity to make restricted reports of sexual assault for the purpose of assisting the employee in obtaining information and access to authorized victim support services provided by the Department.

AUGUST 2022

DAC-PSM holds its first public meeting.

MAY 2022

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness releases [Prevention Plan of Action 2.0](#) (PPoA 2.0).

JANUARY 2022

[SPARX Connection](#), an online community of practice, launches for prevention personnel addressing a range of harmful behaviors.

DECEMBER 2021

President Biden enacts the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act, reforming the military justice process and establishing the Offices of Special Trial Counsel to handle sexual assault cases.

NOVEMBER 2021

SAPRO publishes comprehensive changes to SAPR policy to include expanded eligibility for Restricted Reporting and the CATCH Program. Additionally increased oversight for safety issues, Expedited Transfers, and retaliation allegations during Case Management Group Meetings.

SEPTEMBER 2021

DAC-PSM approved to restart following Department-wide review of all advisory committees.

SEPTEMBER 2021

DoD releases the implementation roadmap, a strategic plan to implement all of the IRC recommendations, with appropriate modifications to ensure effective implementations, integrated with a numbers of actions directed by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

JULY 2021

The 90-Day [Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military](#) releases findings and recommendations.

JULY 2021

SPARX Knowledge launches, delivering a training and education resource for prevention personnel.

JUNE 2021

DoD releases DoDI 6495.02, Volume 3, focusing on the response to retaliation related to sexual assault.

FEBRUARY 2021

Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin establishes the Independent Review Commission (IRC) on Sexual Assault in the Military.

NOVEMBER 2020

Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct ([DAC-PSM](#)) is established.

SEPTEMBER 2020

DoD issues [DoDI 6400.09](#), Policy on Integrated Primary Prevention of Self-Directed Harm and Prohibited Abuse or Harm.

AUGUST 2019

SAPRO launches the [CATCH A Serial Offender Program](#) to provide people making a restricted sexual assault report the opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders.

MAY 2019

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness releases the [Prevention Plan of Action](#) (PPoA), outlining the prevention process and framework for sexual assault prevention and related oversight to reduce sexual assault in the DoD.

JANUARY 2017

DoD releases the [Retaliation Prevention and Response Strategy and Implementation Plan](#) to outline how the Department will respond to retaliation to sexual assault reports.

JANUARY 2014

Military Services operationalize the Special Victims' Counsel and Victims' Legal Counsel programs and Special Victim Capability of Specially-Trained Prosecutors and Investigators.

MAY 2013

SAPRO develops and releases the first [DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Strategic Plan](#).

MARCH 2012

DoD launches the [Defense Sexual Assault Incident Database](#) (DSAID), a centralized database for collecting and maintaining information on sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces.

FEBRUARY 2012

The [DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program](#) (D-SAACP) standardizes sexual assault response and professionalizes victim advocacy roles of Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs).

DECEMBER 2011

DoD introduces the option for Expedited Transfer for sexual assault victims and extends retention of Victim Reports and Sexual Assault Forensic Reports to 50 years.

APRIL 2011

The [DoD Safe Helpline](#) launches, providing a crisis support service specially designed for members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault.

SEPTEMBER 2008

SAPRO releases the first Prevention Strategy.

OCTOBER 2005

DoD releases [DoD Directive 6495.01](#), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Policy, marking the permanent creation of such a policy.

OCTOBER 2005

The Task Force transitions to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO).

JUNE 2005

DoD makes option for [Restricted Reporting](#) available to Service members.

OCTOBER 2004

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld establishes the Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response as a single point of accountability for sexual assault policy within the DoD.