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## Supportive Services Available to Survivors of Sexual Assault in the Military – A Military- and Community-Based Collaboration

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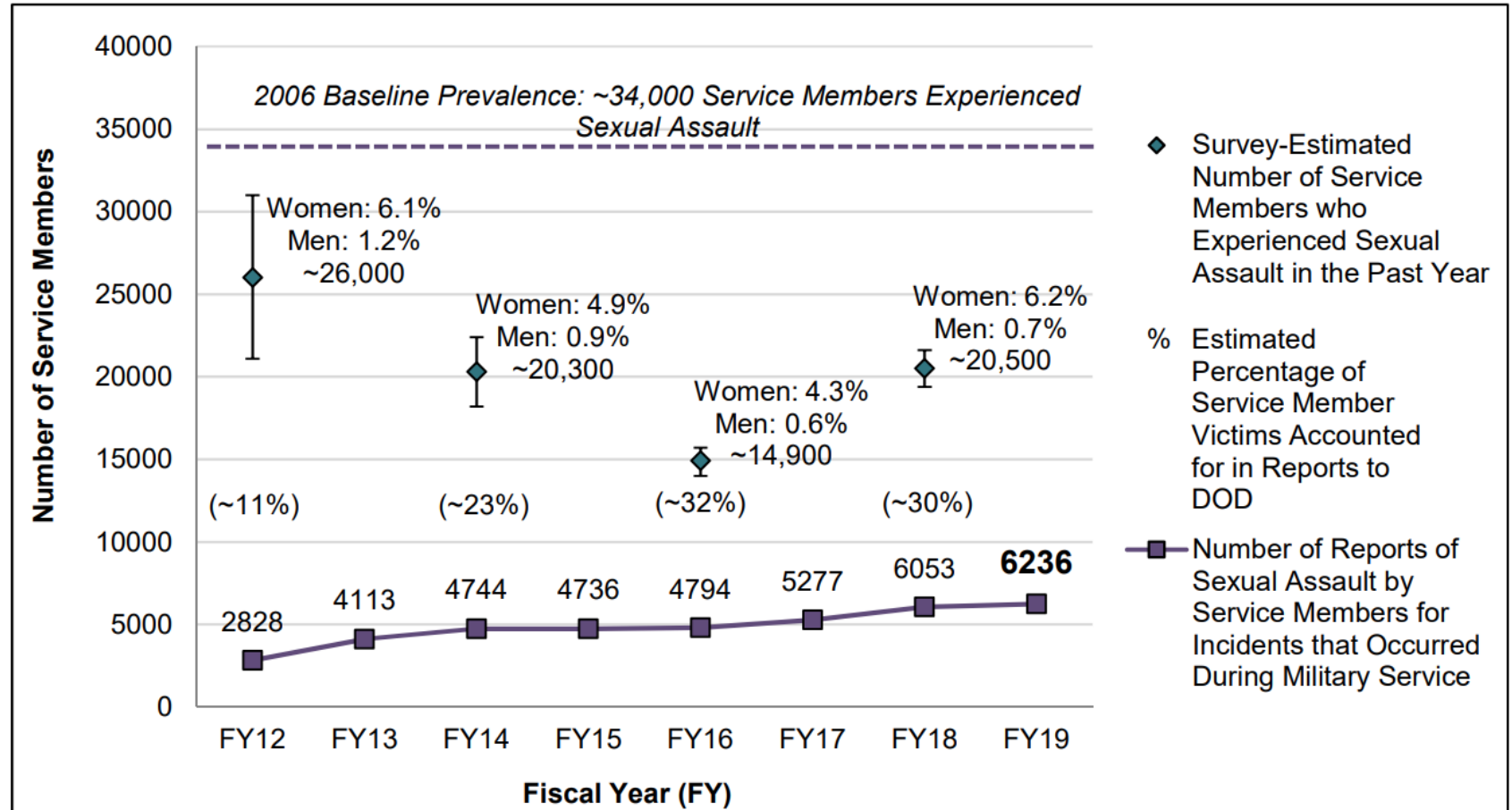
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## Q&A

How many males and females experience sexual assault in the military?

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## What laws are there regarding sexual assault in the military?

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Why are there no harsh punishments for people in the military who commit sexual assault?

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What is the reporting process for sexual assault within the military?  
How does it differ from civilian reporting processes?

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## REPORTING OPTIONS



### RESTRICTED REPORT

**Confidential & limits who's involved**

- Command and Law Enforcement NOT notified.
- Maintain privacy; access medical treatment, counseling, legal services, victim advocacy and support.
- Enroll in the CATCH a Serial Offender Program (optional)
  - Anonymously disclose suspect information to help DoD identify serial offenders
- You MUST report ONLY to:
  - SAPR Office
  - SARC and/or Victim Advocate
  - Health Care Personnel
  - Chaplain

*Reporting to others may trigger an Independent Investigation*



### UNRESTRICTED REPORT

**Command & Law Enforcement notified**

- Launches an official investigation
- Access command support, medical treatment, counseling, legal services, victim advocacy and support.
- Protective Orders and Expedited Transfers available
- Incident will be reported to:
  - Command
  - Law Enforcement
  - SAPR Office
- Mandated Reporters:
  - Law Enforcement (SFS/OSI)
  - Equal Opportunity
  - Chain of Command (Commanders, Chiefs, Shirts, Flight Chief, Supervisor, etc.)

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Some victims are still afraid to tell.  
Is there a way to make it easier for  
them?

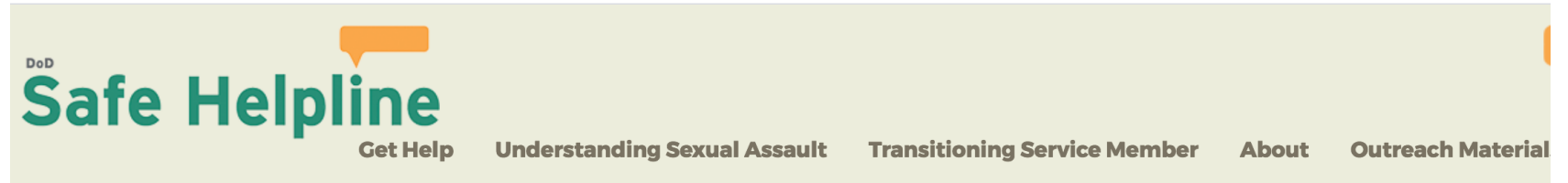
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Who should a civilian advocate contact to establish a collaboration with the military?

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## Responders Near Me

When you are ready to connect with resources on your base or in your local community, you can use Safe Helpline's comprehensive database of military and civilian sexual assault service providers to find what you are looking for.



### You can access the complete database three ways:

**Online:** Search the full database with your base/installation name, zip code, state or country [here](#).

**Text message:** Simply text your base/installation name, zip code, state, or country; the type of resource you are looking for; and what Service you are with to 55-247 (inside the U.S.) or 001-202-470-5546 (outside the U.S.). Text STOP to cancel. Message & data rates may apply. [Texting Terms of Service](#).

**Safe Helpline app:** Download the app to your mobile iOS or Android device and search the database anytime you have Internet access.

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# Q&A

## Do survivors have protection from retaliation?

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What are your thoughts on the Special Victims' Counsel/Victims' Legal Counsel Programs and the new Congressional mandate for those programs to cover domestic violence?

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## Q&A

What are the warning signs that women in the military should be aware of?

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## Q&A

What are the advantages and disadvantages of seeking services/assistance in a military-based organization versus a civilian organization?

Does that vary across different branches of the military?

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## Is mental health follow up/history confidential?

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As an advocate, how can I best support a survivor who has been a victim of sexual assault in the military?

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## Q&A

Is there a self-care strategy for hearing military sexual assault stories and not carrying them home with you?

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## What resources are available?

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# Resources

[OVC Training on Strengthening Military-Civilian Community Partnerships to Respond to Sexual Assault](https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspMilCivPartner.cfm)

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[Safe Helpline](https://safehelpline.org) - Find military and civilian resources in your area.  
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[National Sexual Violence Resource Center](https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations) - Find your state coalition or local sexual assault program.  
(<https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations>)

[Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office](https://sapr.mil/need-assistance)  
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[Resources for Victims of Crime by State](https://ovc.ojp.gov/help-for-victims/help-in-your-state)  
(<https://ovc.ojp.gov/help-for-victims/help-in-your-state>)

[Resources for Veterans](https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/military-sexual-trauma)  
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