

3. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEFINITIONS¹²⁰

3.1. Cross-Training: Refers to a specific training model in which members of a sexual assault response team/community are trained on the roles and responsibilities of other members in order to improve team performance. Such training typically focuses on: explaining the roles and challenges of each discipline; clarifying where coordination among disciplines is needed and how it should occur; building members' understanding of needs, values/beliefs, and practices of the population being served; and allowing responders from one discipline to educate those from other disciplines about the specifics of how they intervene in these cases.¹²¹

3.2. Sexual Assault: For the purpose of this report and in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6495.02, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Procedures," the term "sexual assault" is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex), and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (to include unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts. "Consent" means words or overt acts indicating a freely given agreement to the sexual conduct at issue by a competent person. An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the accused's use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent. A current or previous dating relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the sexual conduct at issue shall not constitute consent.

3.3. Sexual Assault Victim: For the purpose of this report, a "sexual assault victim" is any individual who files a restricted or unrestricted report of rape, forcible sodomy, other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated and/or abusive, wrongful sexual contact, or attempts to commit these acts.

3.4. Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC): Military personnel, DoD civilian employees, or DoD contractors under the senior commander's supervision, who:

¹²⁰ These definitions, with the exception of the definition of Cross Training, Sexual Assault Victim, and Sexual Harassment, are found in DoDD 6495.01, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program," 7 November 2008. The definition of Sexual Harassment is found in DoDD 1350.2 "Department of Defense Military Equal Opportunity (MEO) Program," 18 August 1995.

¹²¹ Adapted from *A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations: Adults/Adolescents*, U.S. Department of Justice, September 2004.

3.4.1. Serves as the central point of contact at an installation or within a geographic area to oversee sexual assault awareness, prevention and response training.

3.4.2. Ensures appropriate care is coordinated and provided to a victim of sexual assault from the initial report through final disposition and resolution.

3.5. Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE): The medical examination of a sexual assault victim under circumstances and controlled procedures to ensure the physical examination process, and the collection, handling, analysis, testing, and safekeeping of any bodily specimens, meet the requirements necessary for use as evidence in criminal proceedings.

3.6. Sexual Harassment: Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to or rejection of such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's job, pay or career; or submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person; or such conduct interferes with an individual's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

3.7. Restricted Reporting: A process used by a Service member to report or disclose that he or she is a victim of a sexual assault to specified individuals on a requested confidential basis. Under these circumstances, the victim's report and any details provided to a healthcare provider, the SARC, or a VA will not be reported to law enforcement to initiate the official investigative process unless the victim consents or an established exception is exercised under this Directive. Additional explanation and guidance is provided in DoD Directive (DoDD) 6495.01, November 7, 2008, Enclosure 3.

3.8. Unrestricted Reporting: A process a Service member uses to disclose, without requesting confidentiality or restricted reporting, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. Under these circumstances, the victim's report and any details provided to healthcare providers, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), a Victim Advocate (VA), command authorities, or other persons are reportable to law enforcement and may be used to initiate the official investigative process. Additional explanation and guidance is provided in DoDD 6495.01, November 7, 2008, Enclosure 3.

3.9. Victim Advocate (VA): Military Personnel, DoD civilian employees, DoD contractors, or volunteers who facilitate care for victims of sexual assault under the SAPR Program, and who, on the behalf of the sexual assault victim, provide liaison assistance with other organizations and agencies on victim care matters, and report directly to the SARC when performing victim advocacy duties.