





Military Community and Family Policy Fact Sheet

Reporting options

Victims have two reporting options:

-  **Unrestricted:** *those who want to pursue an official investigation report through the command, Family Advocacy Program or local law enforcement*
-  **Restricted:** *those who do not want an official investigation but do want victim advocacy services, medical care and counseling should make a restricted report to a Family Advocacy Program victim advocate, clinician or supervisor, or a military health care provider*

Additional information

Military OneSource

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil>

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

<http://www.thehotline.org>

Love is Respect

<http://www.loveisrespect.org>

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Background

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual observance that generates awareness of domestic violence as a serious public health issue and highlights the resources available to help prevent and address it. The Family Advocacy Program is a Department of Defense program that provides services to prevent domestic and child abuse, promotes early identification and reporting, supports victims and renders treatment for offenders.

Helping couples develop healthy relationship skills is a key violence prevention strategy for the Family Advocacy Program. As a result, the Department of Defense's 2015 observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month will highlight the range of services available to promote healthy relationships and help dating and married couples navigate the stages and challenges of a relationship.

Highlights

- Domestic violence goes against all relationship core values and is never OK. No one deserves abuse, and anyone can be a victim.
- Maintaining a healthy, safe and fulfilling relationship starts with respect, as well as trust, integrity, honesty and courage.
- Family violence hurts children, and its effects can ripple through generations. Learn more at <http://www.nctsn.org>.
- Everyone plays a role in upholding the community values and standards that support safe, healthy relationships for everyone in the military community.
- Safety of victims and children is essential. Confidential information and support are available around the clock at Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233.

