

Sexual Assault Awareness

Hurts one, affects all...Preventing sexual assault is EVERYONE's duty!



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What is sexual assault?

Title 14, section 85 of the Virgin Islands Code covers rape and other such related offenses.

In summary, sexual assault refers to:

-Unwanted and intentional touching of a person's genital, groin, inner thighs, buttocks or breast

-Forced vaginal intercourse, however slight, and whether with the hand, finger, or any object (except for medical treatment/examination)

-Forced sodomy, whether oral or anal, however slight, with the use of the mouth or any object (except for medical treatment/examination)

Even the attempt to commit sexual assault is a **CRIME!**



Lack of resistance is NOT consent!

How will a sexual assault conviction affect my military career?

-As a National Guard member, a sexual assault conviction will subject you to a variety of administrative procedures, the most severe being reduction in rank (AR 600-8-19) and military separation (AR 135-178).

-Acts committed in association with sexual assault are punishable under Articles of the UCMJ. These Articles include, but are not limited to Article 120 (Rape, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct), Article 97 (Unlawful detention), and Article 109 (Property other than military property of the United States - waste, spoilage, or destruction), Article 120a (Stalking), Article 128 (Assault), Article 129 (Burglary), and Article 134 (Assault; Child endangerment; Firearm, discharging - willfully, under such circumstances as to endanger human life; Kidnapping; and Threat). Punishments for these crimes include, but are not limited to, **confinement, discharge, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.**

-If you witness a sexual assault, ***REMEMBER***, under 2006 National Defense Authorization Act, Pub.

L. 109-163, sec 554, 119 Stat. 3136, 3264-65 **ALL** service members in the rank of E-6 and above have a **DUTY** to **SELF-REPORT** all criminal convictions to their first-line supervisor.

What can I do if a sexual assault occurs?

-If you are or you know someone that is a victim of a sexual assault, for immediate and confidential support and assistance please contact your **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)** if you are or the 24/7 **DoD Safe Helpline**.

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Additional Resources:

- *VI Emergency 911
- *VIPD: STX/STT/STJ (340)/778-2211; 774-2211; 693-8880
- *Women's Coalition (STX) 340-773-9272
- *Men's Coalition (STX) 340-778-2161
- *Family Resource Center (STT) 340-776-3966
- *www.militaryonesource.com
- *Dr. Chester Copemann, VING Dir of Psychological Health
340-718-5113(O); 340-513-0414 (C)
- *Chaplain Dion Christopher 340-712-7943 (O);340-226-5790 (C)

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