



**Commanding Officer
Naval Base Ventura County**



**SEXUAL ASSAULT
PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
POLICY STATEMENT**

Sexual Assault is a criminal act incompatible with Navy core values. Naval Base Ventura County's (NBVC) goal is to eliminate incidents of sexual assault by providing response capability, victim support, accountability, and prevention education and training.


Leaders at every level have a duty to take appropriate steps to prevent sexual assault. This requires the highest standards of professional and personal behavior. Commanders will support the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program in accordance with OPNAVINST 1752.1C, ensuring victims of sexual assault receive sensitive care and support in the form of advocacy, medical care, and counseling.

The NBVC SAPR Program is implemented through the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). Program components include: Awareness and Prevention Education, Victim Advocacy, and Data Collection.

Active duty victims and dependents over the age of 18 have restricted and unrestricted reporting options for incidents of sexual assault. Restricted reports are confidential and will not be investigated by the command or law enforcement. Restricted reports must be made to either the SARC or a SAPR Victim Advocate. Chaplains have confidential communications and can provide support and guidance without activating an investigation or command notification. Unrestricted reports will be reported to law enforcement for an official investigation. Commanding Officers and Healthcare Personnel in California are required to report all incidents of sexual assault to law enforcement agencies and perpetrators will be held accountable.

NBVC's highly responsive SAPR Victim Advocates provide emotional support and assistance to victims during initial assessment, medical, administrative, legal, and investigative procedures. SAPR Victim Advocates also provide information and referral regarding further services. A victim advocate can be contacted by calling NBVC's 24/7 SAPR response line at (805) 218-9370 or through the NBVC SARC at (805) 207-5309. Victims can also seek confidential support through the 24 hour Department of Defense Safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247. All commands are required to have Victim Advocates, a Command Point of Contact, Command Liaison, and Data Collection Coordinator. These positions must meet SAPR training and program requirements as stated in SAPR Instructions.

NBVC and all tenant commands should follow the procedures as outlined in OPNAV/SAPR instructions and Directive Memoranda. Commands will provide and utilize trained SAPR Advocates and adhere to reporting requirements. NBVC is committed to the prevention of sexual assault to ensure quality of life for our Sailors and their family members.



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