



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Victim Info Sheet

The CATCH Program gives adult sexual assault victims who filed Restricted Reports, certain Unrestricted Reports (where the name of the suspect is not reported to law enforcement or uncovered by law enforcement), or no report an opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders.

To make a CATCH entry, contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate (VA). They will explain the program and provide you a username and password to gain access to the CATCH website. You are eligible if you filed a sexual assault report with a DD Form 2910 and the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement. However, if you do not want to file a sexual assault report, you can still participate in CATCH by submitting a "SAPR-related Inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry." Your entry is anonymous. If your entry "matches" another entry or an investigation, you will be contacted by SAPR personnel, not an investigator, and you will then decide whether to participate in the investigation. **Your participation in the CATCH Program is voluntary.** If there is a match, your name will not be automatically provided to law enforcement without your permission. **You may decline to participate in the process at any point, even after being notified that there was a potential match.** There shall be no adverse consequences if you do not agree to participate.

CATCH PROGRAM

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Submit an entry in the CATCH website

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Military criminal investigators (NCIS, CID, AFOSI) at their Headquarters, **not at your installation**, analyze suspect information that victims submitted into the CATCH Program. If they get a "match," this means that one victim's submission on a suspect matches another victim's submission. Then, the investigators will notify SAPR personnel of the match.

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A specially trained CATCH Program representative – which could be the SARC – will contact you. Your identity will remain confidential. The investigators working the CATCH Program do not know victim names and cannot contact you directly.

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After being notified of a match, you can decide if you'd like to now participate in the investigation. If you decide to participate, tell your SARC. In addition, the SARC will check in with you in 30 days if you haven't contacted him or her before that.

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If you filed a **Restricted Report** – you can decide to convert your report to an Unrestricted Report by re-signing the DD Form 2910. Then, the investigator is given your name, a criminal investigation is now started, and the suspect's commander and your commander are notified.

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If you filed an **Unrestricted Report** but did not want to participate in the investigation at the time – you can decide to participate now. The investigator is given your name, the original criminal investigation is now reopened, and the suspect's commander and your commander are notified.

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If you filed an **"SRI CATCH Entry"** – you can decide to now file an Unrestricted Report by signing the DD Form 2910. Then the investigator is given your name, a criminal investigation is started, and the suspect's commander and your commander are notified.

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If you choose **not to participate after being contacted with a match**, you will be asked if you want to be contacted if there is a future match. If you agree, you may be contacted over the next 10 years. If you do not agree, you will not be contacted again.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

► Do I have to provide my name?

No, you cannot share your name; the process is anonymous.

► What information do you need about the suspect?

The top 5 things that we would like you to provide, but only if you know them, are the suspect name, suspect phone number or social media username(s), suspect rank, date of offense, and location of the sexual assault. You can provide as much information as you can remember and feel comfortable sharing. You only need to complete one field to be able to submit an entry.

► How long do you keep my entry in the CATCH system?

Each entry is kept for 10 years. This means that you could be contacted at any time over the next 10 years if there is a potential match, as long as you don't opt out and your contact information doesn't change.

► I have more questions. Who can I speak with before deciding?

If you are eligible, your SARC or SAPR VA can offer you a referral to a Special Victims' Counsel or Victims' Legal Counsel, who is your personal attorney (not a prosecutor or a defense attorney). They can help answer your legal questions about the CATCH Program.