

Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program

Sexual assault victims, who have made a sexual assault report and the name of the perpetrator is not known by law enforcement, can submit suspect information anonymously in the CATCH system and help the Department of Defense find repeat sex offenders.



For more information, please visit [SAPR.mil/CATCH](https://sapr.mil/CATCH) or contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator or Victim Advocate

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Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

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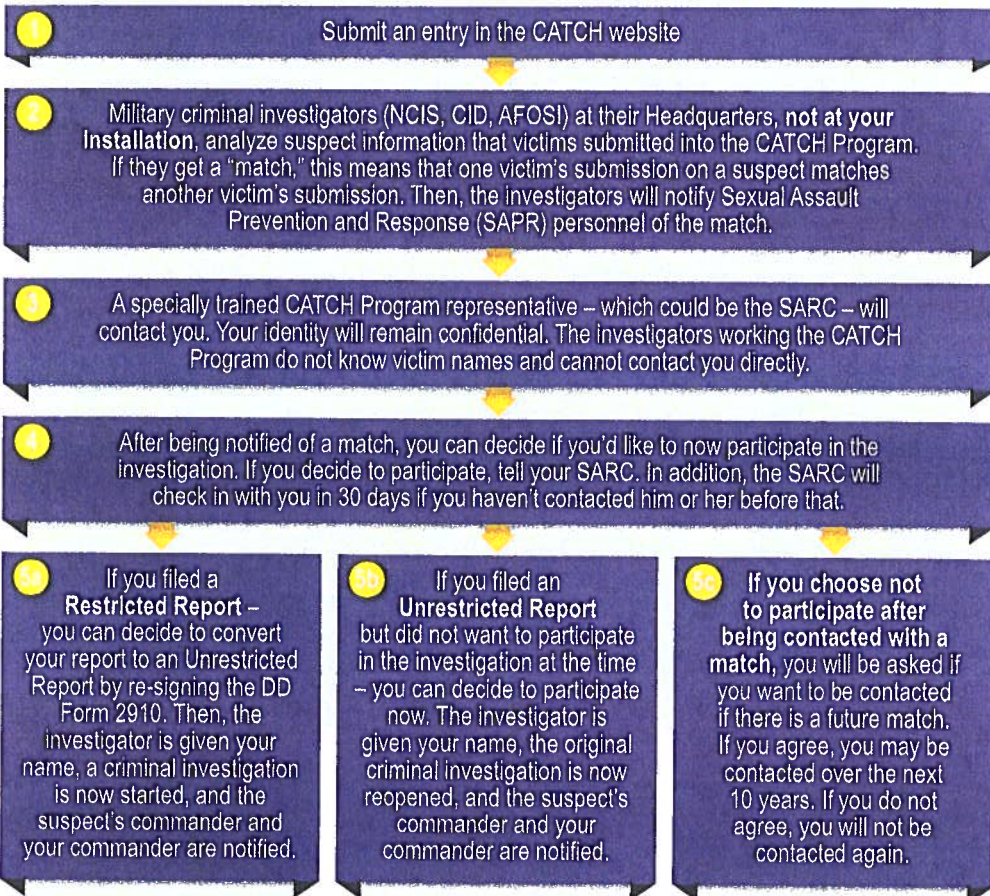


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The **CATCH Program** gives people making a sexual assault report where the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement an **opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information** to help the Department of Defense identify serial offenders.

To make a CATCH entry, contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA). They will explain the program and provide you a user name and password to gain access to the CATCH website. You are eligible as long as you filed a sexual assault report with a DD Form 2910 and the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement. Your entry is anonymous. If your entry "matches" another entry or an investigation, you will be contacted 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 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.

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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, 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.
- ▶ **What about my Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Kit?**
The SAFE Kit corresponding to your Restricted Report will be retained for 10 years in order to avoid the unintended destruction of a Restricted Reporting SAFE Kit affiliated with a CATCH entry.
- ▶ **What if I change my mind, can I opt out of the CATCH Program once I've made my entry?**
Yes, you can opt out at any time – just tell your SARC.
- ▶ **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.