

STEP FORWARD

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Prevent. Report. Advocate.



April is **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**. SAAPM is a time to educate, support and empower each other to fight against sexual harassment and sexual assault. When we protect our people, we strengthen our Army.

Here are some ways that Leaders, Soldiers and Families can participate.



Step Forward:

- Take time to listen, learn and understand.
- Build connections with others by starting conversations.
- Be there for others.



Prevent and Report:

- Report behavior that crosses the line.
- Be ready to listen.
- If you see something, step up and intervene.



Advocate:

- Keep resources and important phone numbers close by in case someone needs support.
- Encourage a culture of consent in which clear communication, mutual agreement and respect are standard for all interactions.
- Be a change agent by living the Army Values and intervening early and often.



Available Resources:

- Reach out to your local SHARP representatives for confidential support and guidance.
- Call the **DoD Safe Helpline** at 877-995-5247 or visit www.safehelpline.org for 24/7 confidential support or contact the local SHARP hotline.
- Commanders and leaders should be knowledgeable of the recent changes to the SHARP program outlined in **Army Regulation 600-52** (scan QR code below). The new SHARP regulation assists commanders at all levels in their responsibilities to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and sexual assault.



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