

# 5 Things to Know

## About the SHARP Program



The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program published the first stand-alone Army SHARP regulation, AR 600-52, in 2025. The regulation professionalizes the SHARP workforce with implementation of full-time, installation-based program staff, expert support for Commanders, enhanced victim support, expanded reporting options for Army Civilians and enhanced primary prevention information. Additionally, the new centralized SHARP program management office ensures better oversight of SHARP professionals, strengthening victim advocacy. These changes are key for reducing barriers for support and improving the Army's culture of respect.

# 1

### **An installation-based SHARP program.**

SHARP program personnel are aligned to local installation-level SHARP program offices for supervision instead of under a unit's chain of command. This creates an independent, dedicated and consistent structure for oversight and policy application, while strengthening accountability. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and Victim Advocates remain embedded with brigades to maintain on-the-ground support.

# 2

### **The role of Commanders.**

Commanders maintain a critical role in executing the SHARP program and preventing sexual assault and sexual harassment in their units. Commanders are responsible for creating healthy unit climates with engaged leaders who encourage prevention, bystander interventions and victim support. The Commander's role is strengthened with the assistance of a full-time, professional primary prevention workforce at their installation.

# 3

### **Expanded full-time staff.**

The Army has transitioned to a fully dedicated SHARP workforce by eliminating most collateral-duty SARC and VA positions. With limited exceptions for remote and deployed locations lacking established sexual assault resources, full-time SHARP professionals are now assigned across installations to ensure consistent, specialized and continuous support for victims.

# 4

### **"No Wrong Door" approach.**

Everyone seeking help will be met with understanding and with immediate assistance that best fits their needs. Regardless of which office they go to, they will be provided a warm handoff to the appropriate agency. This approach creates a supportive environment where victims are never told "You are at the wrong office" or are left to navigate the system alone.

# 5

### **Expanded reporting options and advocacy services.**

Army Civilians have expanded options to report assault to their local SARC or VA using the Restricted Reporting option. This allows them to obtain victim support and advocacy services from the military without notification to law enforcement or their immediate chain of command.



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