

# VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM



**FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**  
MAIN SIDE OFFICE 703-784-2570  
TBS OFFICE 703-432-6442  
QUANTICO VICTIM ADVOCACY  
24/7 HELPLINE 703-350-1688  
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# YOU'RE NOT ALONE



**ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL  
WITHIN THE LIMITS OF  
THE MARINE CORPS' POLICY.**

To speak with a Victim Advocate contact  
the Family Advocacy Program (FAP)  
for assistance during business hours

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## WORKSHOPS OFFERED

- Women's Awareness Knowledge and Empowerment (WAKE)
- Within my Reach (WMR)
- Through A Child's Eyes (TACE)
- Stop Abuse with Family Education (SAFE)

## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCE AVAILABLE

- MCBQ Sexual Assault Prevention & Response SAPRO 703- 784-3557  
24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline 703-432-9999
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)
- Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline  
1-800-552-7096



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## THE ROLE OF A VICTIM ADVOCATE

Marine Corps trained Victim Advocates provide information, guidance and support to victims. They are first responders. Specifically trained Victims Advocates will respond to incidents of domestic violence 24/7, but may also be contacted during working hours by anyone with questions or concerns.

*Quantico Victim Advocacy 24/7 Helpline, at 703-350-1688.*

## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner male or female to gain or maintain power and control. This applies to current or former spouses, couples who share children, or current or former intimate partners with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

## VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICE:

- Safety planning for leaving or staying in the relationship
- Accompany and support through military and civilian legal proceedings
- Emotional support through medical processing
- Information and Referral to resources and services

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## REPORTING OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Department of Defense is committed to addressing and ending domestic abuse and offers victims two different reporting options for seeking help. With either option, victims have access to victim advocacy services, counseling and medical care. Victims of domestic abuse may want to talk to a Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate from the Family Advocacy Program about their options and other sources of support before making a decision.

### • Restricted reporting

Victims who prefer confidential assistance that does not include notification to law enforcement or military command may contact a FAP supervisor, clinician, victim advocate or a health care provider to request a "restricted report." A restricted report allows victims to evaluate their relationship choices while maintaining control over what and how much information to share with others. Because victim safety is a priority, victims at imminent risk of serious harm cannot use the restricted report option. The restricted report option does not apply to child abuse cases or instances in which a child has witnessed domestic abuse.

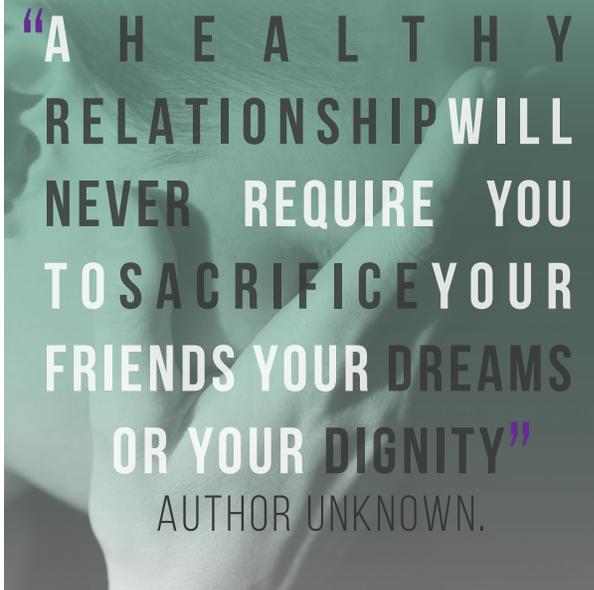
A victim of domestic abuse who makes a restricted report may receive victim advocacy services without law enforcement notification or command involvement. Victim advocacy services include assistance in developing a safety plan to prevent further abuse, information about military and civilian protective orders, and accompaniment to meetings, medical and court appointments and information about military and civilian medical, legal and community resources.

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### • Unrestricted reporting

Victims may contact the FAP, military police or chain of command to make an "unrestricted report" if they want an investigation of an abuse incident and command involvement. The command can offer the victim added support and protection to include protective orders. An unrestricted report also gives the command the discretion to take administrative action against the offender.

For victims who choose to make an unrestricted report, a FAP advocate will also assist victims in making a report to law enforcement, by providing information on legal rights and offering assistance in applying for transitional compensation, if applicable.



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FRIENDS YOUR DREAMS  
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