



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE

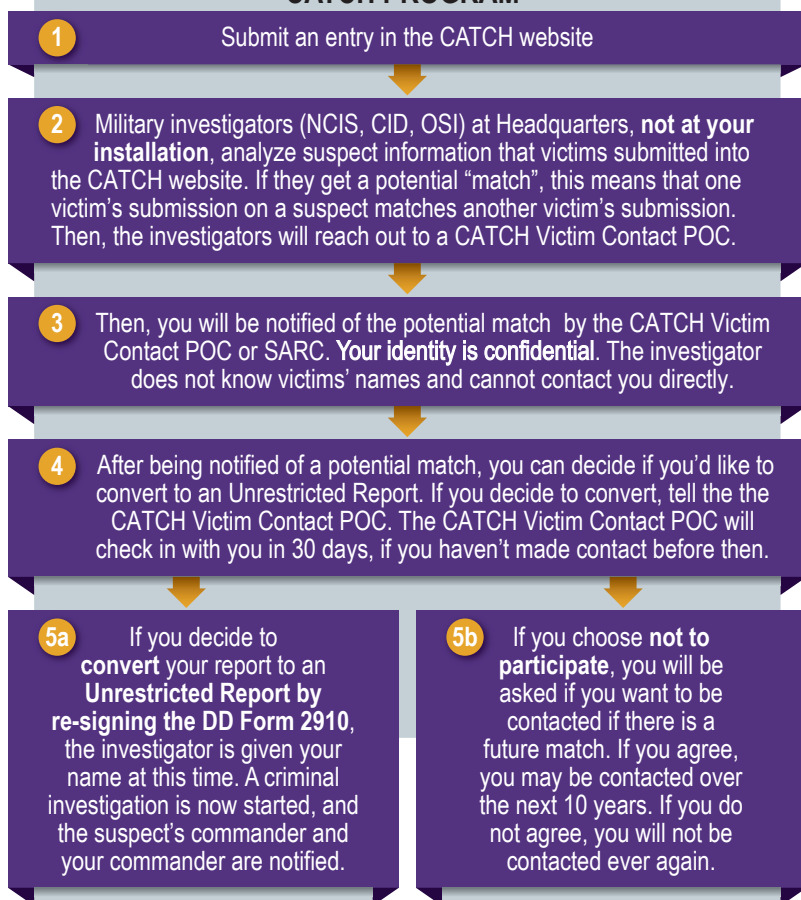


## Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Victim Info Sheet

The **CATCH Program** gives people making a Restricted Report an **opportunity to anonymously disclose suspect information** to help the Department of Defense identify serial offenders.

The **CATCH Program** allows sexual assault victims (who filed a Restricted Report with a DD Form 2910) to discover if the suspect in their Restricted Report may have also assaulted another person (a “match” in the CATCH website), and having that knowledge, decide whether to convert their Restricted Report to Unrestricted to initiate an investigation of the serial offender suspect. **Your participation in the CATCH Program is voluntary.** Your Restricted Report will not be converted based on the information you provided to the CATCH Program 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



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q A** How do I make a CATCH entry?  
Visit the CATCH Program website on your computer or mobile device at a time that's convenient. Your SARC can provide you the web address and your personal, anonymous, secure log-in information.

**Q A** Do I have to provide my name?  
No, you cannot share your name; the process is anonymous.

**Q A** What information do you need about the suspect?  
You can provide as much information as you can remember and feel comfortable sharing (for example, name, rank, height, tattoos or other distinguishing factors), or any other information you think may be important in identifying the suspect, or linking the suspect to other crimes.

**Q A** 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.

**Q A** 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.

**Q A** How will I be contacted if there is a potential match?  
You will be contacted privately, using ONLY the information you provided. Your name and information will remain anonymous until you decide to participate in an investigation and convert your Restricted Report to Unrestricted. You can always say you don't want to participate.

**Q A** 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.

**Q A** I have more questions. Who can I speak with before deciding?  
If you are eligible, your SARC or SAPR Victim Advocate can offer you a referral to a Special Victims' Counsel (Army, Air Force, National Guard) or Victims' Legal Counsel (Navy, USMC), who is your personal attorney (not a prosecutor or a defense attorney). They can help answer your legal questions about the CATCH Program.