

83. What type of training is being done to reach out to male victims of sexual assault?

DoD	No answer provided.
USA	Male victim scenarios have been incorporated into SHARP training, often as the initial scenario, to make leaders more aware of male victims. This helps learners see that sexual assault is a “Soldier problem” that presents an insider threat, not “a female problem.” This training attempts to convey to male victims that the Army cares about them and encourages them to come forward for help. This training approach also enhances the likelihood that male Soldiers will be more empathetic to female victims. Additionally, the SHARP Program Office developed a video vignette that addresses male sexual assault and is coordinating with OCPA on the release of an article on male victimization.
USAF	Some bases discuss the number of male reports (no specifics, just numbers) that have occurred. Others discuss community issues such as the facts regarding tactics used to complete sexual assault on males (e.g. drugged within their town and surrounding cities). When cases involving male victims have gone to trial and received a conviction, discussions were initiated re the MO of the suspect and if they were previously targeted (when known) were also shared. Some bases reported personal safety classes for men and other bases reported using display photos/articles of female predators/male victims; Males role play scenarios with males victims, female. The majority of bases stated that they include information on both male and female cases and demographics during every event/training.
USN	The training is standard, regardless of gender, for all service members and civilians. Scenarios portrayed in “No Zebras, No Excuses” and activities in “One Team, One Fight” include male victims of sexual assault. Current curriculum development includes video interviews of sexual assault victims to include males. Through focus groups and discussions with Sailors and Marines we hear that portraying male scenarios and interviewing male victims, provides males with more confidence in reporting and seeking assistance. Navy’s SAPR Program and policy are gender neutral. All Navy scenario-based training modules contain information regarding male victims.
USMC	The USMC SAPR program creates training that encompasses all victims of sexual assault in an effort to reduce stigma, increase understanding, and encourage reporting. Male victimization is discussed in the 40-hour Victim Advocacy training, as well as the Commanders Course and Sergeants Major Symposium. Stigma, barriers to reporting, and challenges for male victims are addressed in these curricula in order to assist those responsible in creating an environment that encourages all victims, regardless of gender, to get help when necessary. Training for the fleet includes language intentionally designed to be non-gender specific and training videos distributed to the fleet feature both female and male victims.
USCG	All Coast Guard SAPR Trainings address male victimization as well as female victimization.

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