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SHARP
SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT
RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

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EXPEDITED TRANSFER VICTIM REQUEST

The intent of the Expedited Transfer policy is to assist victims of sexual assault in their recovery by moving them to a new location where they feel comfortable, no one knows about the assault, and they can work without fear of ostracism or retaliation. For these and any number of reasons, victims may not wish to remain in their current units or organizations after a sexual assault. Expediting review and action on a victim's request for transfer or reassignment is an important component of a leader's response to a credible report of sexual assault.

WHO CAN FILE A REQUEST?

- Soldiers who file an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault may request an expedited transfer.
- Soldiers whose adult military dependent makes a report of sexual assault that is not a result of domestic abuse are eligible to request an expedited transfer.
- Soldiers may also request an assignment deletion when the reported offender is assigned or inbound to the Soldier's gaining location.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS ONCE A REQUEST IS SUBMITTED?

The following is the process when a sexual assault victim files a request for an expedited transfer. Please consult AR 600-20, Appendix I to review the full details.

1. Following a victim's credible report of sexual assault being investigated by U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division or other investigative agencies, Army policy provides a maximum of five calendar days for an expedited transfer decision to be made by the appropriate approving authority.
2. At the time of making an Unrestricted Report, the SARC, SHARP VA, VR, or the commander or DA Civilian supervisor will share the option to request an expedited transfer from the assigned command or installation, or to a different location within their assigned command or installation.
3. Requests for a transfer or reassignment will be submitted in writing on a DA Form 4187 and processed using the procedure in AR 614-100 and AR 614-200.
4. A transfer or reassignment includes, but is not limited to, the victim's temporary or permanent movement to a unit within the same battalion or brigade, to a unit within the same division, to a unit on the same installation or to a unit at a different geographic location.
5. For RC members, a transfer or reassignment might include provisions to perform inactive duty training on different weekends or at different times from the subject or with a different unit in the home drilling location.
6. Soldiers requesting the transfer will be informed that they may have to return for the prosecution of the case, if the determination is made that prosecution is the appropriate action.

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7. Even in those court-martial cases in which the subject has been acquitted, the standard for approving an expedited transfer still remains whether a credible report has been filed. The commander will consider all the facts and circumstances surrounding the case and the basis for the transfer request.
8. When an expedited transfer is approved, notification from the losing commander to the gaining commander will depend on whether there is an open case and the continuation of services. If there is neither an open case nor a continuation of services requirement, no other action is needed.
9. If there is an open case or services are requested, then notification to the gaining commander (that is, no lower than a brigade commander, at a minimum an O-6) will occur to facilitate the investigation and/or access to services, as applicable.
10. Regardless of case status, a mandatory initial meeting with the gaining SARC is required. The SARC will explain the full range of advocacy and support options available.

EXPEDITED TRANSFER REQUEST FOR SOLDIERS AND AN ADULT DEPENDENT

SHARP policy allows the expedited transfer of a Soldier whose adult military dependent, such as a spouse or dependent child older than 18, makes an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault unrelated to domestic abuse committed by the Sponsor. Victims whose circumstances meet the definition of domestic abuse in DoDI 6400.06, including intimate or dating partners, will be supported by the Family Advocacy Program, or FAP.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

The Soldiers must request the transfer on behalf of their adult military dependent victims.

Soldiers who request an expedited transfer because their adult dependent was the victim of an alleged sexual assault must submit the request to their Commander, who will then follow policy guidance outlined in DoDI 6495.02.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Adult military dependent sexual assault victims are eligible to request expedited transfers if:

- The victim has filed an Unrestricted Report through a DD Form 2910.
- The sexual assault suspect is a Soldier or if the suspect has a military nexus, is a government contractor, or the alleged sexual assault occurred on a DoD installation or facility.

The expedited transfer will include the Soldier and the Soldier's dependents. However, the Soldier can request that:

- Only the Soldier's dependents be transferred
- The dependents be transferred expeditiously, and the Soldier's transfer be delayed
- The Soldier's Commander will ultimately determine whether Soldier will be transferred at the same time as the dependents.

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