



Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge

The Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge factor is described as: Member's knowledge of the sexual assault reporting options.

*Note: The following question(s) are the actual DEOCS questions.

The following item is used to assess Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge on the DEOCS using a 7-point response scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

1. All the following types of people can receive an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault. However, a Restricted (confidential) Report can only be made to certain people. Please identify which of the following types of people can and cannot take a Restricted Report. Use a response of Yes, No or not sure/Do not know.
 - a. Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
 - b. Victim Advocate
 - c. Military Service Healthcare Personnel
 - d. Anyone in my chain of command/supervision
 - e. Criminal investigator and/or military police officer in the situation, but I could not safely take any action.
 - f. I decided to not take action.

2. Service members who report they were sexually assaulted are eligible for the service of a military attorney.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The below follow-up interview questions could be used to quantify initial information from the survey.

- Have you received training on the sexual assault reporting options?
- When was the last time you received training on the sexual assault reporting options?
- Are there posters, policy letters, or other products openly displayed to remind members of the resources available to them?
- Do you know who are your organization Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and Victim Advocate? *(Can also be reworded as a polling question: How many of you know who are the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and Victim Advocate?)*
- Do you know which medical facility you can go to if you are sexually assaulted?
- Is the sexual assault training you receive supportive, encouraging, meaningful, and focused to increase all members reporting (either Restricted or Unrestricted) confidence?
- How can the training you've received be better or more effective?
- Is your chain of command/leadership open to suggestions on improving the training or making awareness items available?
- How often does your leadership talk about, or communicate to you, about your reporting options?
- Do you believe your immediate leadership could effectively advise you on your reporting options if you had a need to use them?

For more information on conducting Focus Groups or Interviews go to www.deomi.org and watch the "How to conduct a Focus Group video" or download the "Focus Group Guide" for detailed information.