

Fort Hamilton Victim Advocate

You may contact your chain of command or law enforcement (military or civilian), however if you do, an investigation will occur and you will not have the option of making a Restricted Report.

Domestic abuse
347-452-4302

Sexual Assault
347-452-4302

Call 877-995-5247 or text a location or zip code to 55247 (within CONUS) or 202-470-5546 (OCONUS) or online chat with a counselor at www.SafeHelpline.org 24 hours a day or contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA) or healthcare provider.

24/7 Victim Advocate available

If you have been **sexually assaulted** or think you have been:

- Go to a safe location away from the attacker.
- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease. Ask the healthcare provider to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) to preserve forensic evidence. If you suspect you had been drugged, request that a urine sample be collected.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, wash your hands, eat or drink or brush your teeth. Do not clean or straighten up the crime scene.
- Write down, tape or record by any other means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.

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Role of the Victim Advocate

The Victim Advocate (VA) provides essential support and care to the victim to include providing non-clinical information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing. The VA maintains communications and contact with victim as needed for continued victim support.

If you are a victim of **domestic abuse**, please know that Army Community Service has a Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate who can be reached 24 hours/7 days a week at 347-452-4302.

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Other services that the Victim Advocate offers are referrals to services, accompanying victims to meetings with lawyers, police, and or command, and provision of information regarding the Transitional Compensation Program.

For more information, please contact Family Advocacy Program at 718-630-4460 during duty hours.