

Victim Advocacy Program

Victim Advocacy Program Goal

To ensure that each person who is a reported victim of domestic violence, rape or sexual assault is provided support and assistance through the services of a Victim Advocate.
Advocate provides direct services to individual victims of spouse abuse, rape and sexual assault.
Advocate represents the interests of victims at the system level generally.
To serve victims effectively by representing their wishes and requests freely.

Roles of the Victim Advocate



The Victim Advocate represents the interests of all victims of abuse crimes and works to ensure their safety and that of at-risk family members.

The Victim Advocate will contact each victim as soon after the report of violence as possible and as soon as the Advocate's safety can be assured, particularly where a case is identified critical.

The Advocate will provide crisis intervention services, including medical referrals.

At the victim's request, a Victim Advocate can be present at interviews, medical examinations and legal proceedings.

To provide emotional support and to ensure that the victim's integrity, safety and rights are maintained.

To provide information on the Department of Defense's Transitional Compensation Program.

The Victim Advocate will provide the following follow-up services:

- Emotional support and encouragement
- Information to victims about resources and referrals to services
- Accompany victims to services and other proceedings such as court appearances.
- Intervene on behalf of victims with service providers and commands.
- Inform victims of their rights within the Marine Corps and the civil community.

Victim Advocates' Responsibilities

- Represent the interests of all victims of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault both individually and at the systems level.
- Serve as a member of the FAP/civilian sector coordinating committee.
- Assist in training and educating the community.
- A Victim Advocate is to be notified of and assigned as soon as possible to each reported victim of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault.
- Manage the victims education class.

Victim Advocate Phone No. (619) 524-0421 or (619) 524-0265