



# DOMESTIC ABUSE REPORTING OPTIONS

**Being in an abusive relationship can leave you feeling isolated and scared. You are not alone. Help is available. You have options, resources, and supportive services available to you. Adult victims of domestic abuse have the following reporting options.**

## UNRESTRICTED REPORTING

- When a person elects to make an Unrestricted Report, the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) WILL notify both law enforcement and the Marine's command.
- Law enforcement will conduct an investigation of the incident.
- The Marine's command will be notified and conduct its own investigation.
- The incident will be presented to the Incident Determination Committee to see if it meets the Department of Defense's definition of abuse.
- The individual making the Unrestricted Report can access FAP services to include counseling and advocacy and seek a military or civilian protection order.
- The individual making the Unrestricted Report may be eligible for transitional compensation if the Marine is separated from the Marine Corps as a result of the abuse.

## RESTRICTED REPORTING

- When a person elects to make a restricted report, FAP does NOT notify law enforcement or the Marine's command. There is no investigation into the incident.
- The individual making the restricted report can access FAP services to include counseling and advocacy.

*\*If there is an immediate risk of serious harm, an individual may not be eligible for restricted reporting.*

## MAKING A REPORT

Adult victims of domestic abuse can make Restricted or Unrestricted Reports to FAP clinicians, FAP supervisors, or FAP advocates. Health care providers will keep information pertaining to domestic abuse confidential at the individual's request and provide a referral to FAP.\*\*

\*Some states mandate health care providers report all known and suspected incidents of abuse. Contact FAP or your local legal office for more information. Regardless of the reporting option you choose, FAP is available to help you weigh your options, provide safety planning, help you access military and civilian resources, and provide supportive services. You are not alone.