

## FAMILY ADVOCACY SPECIALISTS

are available at each Health, Safety & Work-Life (HSWL) Regional Practice to assist Coast Guard members and their families who are concerned about or are experiencing intimate partner or child maltreatment.

To contact the Work-Life staff nearest you, call 1-202-475-5100 and enter the appropriate extension listed below:

- Alameda (6)
- Astoria (7)
- Boston (1)
- Cape Cod (1)
- Cape May (2; press 1)
- Charleston (3)
- Cleveland (5)
- Detroit (5)
- Honolulu (8)
- Houston/Galveston (4)
- Juneau/Ketchikan (9)
- Kodiak (9)
- LA/Long Beach (6)
- Miami Beach (3)
- New Orleans (4)
- New York (1)
- Petaluma (6)
- Portsmouth (2; press 3)
- San Diego (6)
- San Juan, PR (3)
- Seattle (7)
- St. Louis (4)
- Washington DC (2; press 2)
- Yorktown (2; press 3)

## Alternative Sources of Help



The CG SUPRT Program provides professional counseling, education, and referral services to you and your family members. Help is available for issues such as marital and family problems, financial issues, depression and anxiety, work/life balance, work-related concerns and career issues. Services are free and confidential, within the limits of the law. CG SUPRT is available 24/7, 365 days a year by calling 855- CG SUPRT (247-8778) or visiting

[www.cgsuprt.com](http://www.cgsuprt.com)

The National Domestic Violence  
**HOTLINE**  
[1.800.799.SAFE \(7233\)](tel:1800799SAFE) • [1.800.787.3224 \(TTY\)](tel:18007873224)

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides a free and confidential resource to those who are abused or to friends and family who are concerned that a loved one is being abused. Hotline services include: crisis intervention, safety planning, and connection to resources. Call the number above or visit

[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

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### Office Name

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FAS Name  
Address Line 1  
Address Line 2  
Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: [someone@example.com](mailto:someone@example.com)

## U.S. COAST GUARD



# Family Advocacy Program

Relationships should be ...



Respectful  
Safe  
Positive



**Domestic violence can happen to any person of any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. It affects people of all education levels and socioeconomic backgrounds.**

*- National Domestic Violence Hotline*

Domestic violence, referred to as intimate partner maltreatment (IPM) in the Coast Guard, at its worst is a repetitive pattern of behaviors used to maintain power and control over another person. It can include the use of physical and sexual violence, threats and intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation. When left unchecked it tends to get worse over time.

## **Treat Victims with Dignity & Respect**

The Coast Guard is committed to ensuring victims of IPM are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy, and care.

Coast Guard policy also supports command awareness and prevention programs and interventions that hold offenders accountable, and make rehabilitative services available to offenders who want to stop abusive behaviors.

## **Requirement to Report**

Coast Guard policy requires personnel to report suspected IPM incidents within 24 hours so victims are protected and provided services, and offenders may be held accountable through such actions as:

- Punitive action for the offense committed
- Order to stay away from victim
- Mandatory participation in treatment
- Withdrawal of Security Clearance
- Loss of ability to perform a job that requires carrying a weapon

## **Reporting Intimate Partner Maltreatment (IPM) in the Coast Guard**

Many victims worry that reporting the abuse will take away any choice they have in what will happen after the report is made. To address this concern and to ensure victims have services they desire, the Coast Guard now provides two reporting options: unrestricted reporting and restricted reporting.

### **Unrestricted Reporting**

Victims of IPM who want to pursue an official investigation of an incident can use current reporting channels including:

- The Coast Guard member's chain of command,
- Family Advocacy Specialist (FAS), or
- Law enforcement.

Upon notification of a reported incident, services will be offered to the victim by the FAS. Additionally, the member's command and Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) will be notified. CGIS or the command may determine that a criminal investigation of the allegations is required. The incident will also be reviewed by the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Incident Determination Committee (IDC) to determine if the incident meets the Coast Guard criteria for the type of maltreatment alleged.

### **Restricted Reporting (RR)**

RR allows Coast Guard members and civilian dependents who are victims of IPM to disclose the details of the maltreatment to specific individuals and receive services *without requiring* that notice be given to the command or law enforcement or the IDC. *Victims who choose this option can change to the unrestricted option at any time.*

Victims of IPM who desire RR under this policy [Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Commandant Instruction 1752.1 (series)] must report the IPM to

one of the following individuals:

- Coast Guard healthcare provider,
- Family Advocacy Specialist, or
- Coast Guard Victim Advocate.

Disclosure to persons other than these persons may result in an investigation of the allegations by law enforcement. Under RR, protective measures such as military protection orders, military law enforcement assistance, and command assistance will not be available to the victim.

### **Exceptions to Restricted Reporting**

The RR option is not available to victims when:

- Either the victim's or the alleged offender's command is already aware of the alleged maltreatment.
- The victim discloses an allegation in the presence of the alleged offender.
- The victim provides information that indicates the victim and/or other household member is in imminent danger of serious injury or that a child was also a victim during an IPM incident.

## **Child Maltreatment**

FASs and all healthcare providers must report any incidents of suspected child maltreatment to the appropriate child protective services agency regardless of whether or not RR is requested and provided.

Reports of child maltreatment can be made by anyone by calling the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

**Help Is Available!**