

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) 2015 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. How long will the required SAAM event take?

Answer: The video and unit discussion are planned to take 1.5 hours but commands can take more time if needed.

2. Who is supposed to facilitate the SAAM event?

Answer: The facilitator should be a volunteer from the command. It is preferred that someone more senior and/or experienced in training be the facilitator for your unit. However, every unit event should be led and represented by a member of the Command (Commanding Officer (CO), Executive Officer, Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Command Master Chief, an Officer, or a Chief).

3. Can a unit break into smaller groups to complete the SAAM event?

Answer: Yes. A unit can complete the event together in one time period or break out to complete by smaller groups. It is at the unit's discretion to determine which format will work better for the unit's needs.

4. How does a unit report completion of the SAAM event?

Answer: The unit COs/OICs report completion through a survey link provided in the SAAM ALCOAST 108/15.

5. What equipment will the facilitator need to complete the SAAM event?

Answer: To complete the event, a facilitator will need the following:

- laptop or desktop computer with a DVD drive
- projector (that can be connected to a computer)
- projection screen or surface
- speakers/audio system
- classroom in which lights can be dimmed or turned off for maximum visibility

6. Will the facilitator need handouts for the SAAM event?

Answer: Yes. The SAAM 2015 event will contain electronic versions of the following handouts to print and distribute during the event:

- Feedback Survey
- Flyer of reporting options and resources
- Copies of the PowerPoint slide presentation used in the video

7. Who else should be invited to attend the unit's SAAM event?

Answer: If possible, the facilitator should arrange for the following individuals to also attend the SAAM event for assistance:

- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Victim Advocate (VA)
- Health Care Provider (HCP)
- Chaplain

8. How does a unit get a VA to attend the event if the unit does not have a VA assigned?

Answer: The facilitator should contact the unit's SARC and inquire if there is a local VA who would be available to attend. However, a VA may not always be available.

9. What if a facilitator has questions regarding content in the discussion guide?

Answer: Prior to the unit's scheduled event, the facilitator should contact his/her unit's SARC for clarification.

10. What if a unit does not receive the SAAM DVD in the mail?

Answer: If a unit does not receive the SAAM DVD, the unit should contact the SAPR MCO to request another DVD be mailed out. The material is also available on the CG Portal SAPR Program page if you need a backup copy. <https://cglink.uscg.mil/437dd7a5> (This file is quite large and may take some time to download.)

11. Can units complete additional activities for SAAM?

Answer: Yes. Units are encouraged to complete additional SAAM activities if their schedule permits. The SAAM DVD and CG Portal SAPR Program page contain a list of Approved Unit Level Activities. If a unit desires to complete an activity that is not currently on this list, the unit must contact their SARC to review and advise on the appropriateness of the activity.

12. What if my command has concerns about the SAAM event triggering a victim?

Answer: The facilitation guide for the SAAM event provides guidance to have a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), and/or chaplain present in case a member becomes upset by the material. There are also trigger warnings to proactively inform the audience when more sensitive material is coming up. Commands can also reach out to their local SARC if there are specific concerns prior to the SAAM event, as well as after the event if they feel necessary.