You are not alone in overcoming military sexual trauma

Veterans of all backgrounds have experienced MST, regardless of factors such as physical size, age, race, or sexual orientation.

Military sexual trauma (MST) is sexual assault or sexual harassment that occurred during a Veteran’s military service:

- Being pressured into sexual activities, such as with threats
- Sexual activities without your consent, such as when asleep or intoxicated
- Being overpowered or physically forced to have sex
- Being sexually touched or grabbed in a way that made you uncomfortable, including during hazing experiences
- Repeated comments about your body or sexual activities
- Threatening and unwelcome sexual advances

MST IS NEVER YOUR FAULT

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Common struggles reported by men

- Masculinity worries
- Sexual concerns
- Relationship problems
- Anger
- Shame
- Reckless behavior
- Sleep trouble
- Chronic pain
- Panic or anxiety

Almost half of all Veterans who tell a provider they experienced MST are men.

It takes a lot of courage and strength to speak up.

There are many steps you can take to move forward after MST.

- VA has free MST-related services available for Veterans
- You may be able to receive MST-related services even if you are not eligible for other VA care
- No documentation of the MST experience is needed to get care
- Every VA has an MST Coordinator to help access services and resources
- Contact your local facility and ask to speak to the MST Coordinator for more information

Visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp to learn more about MST and the recovery programs and services available at VA.