

Military OneSource Safe Exit: Enhancing Users' Safety Online

Background

Military OneSource installed a Safe Exit button on content that is meant to help someone in an abusive relationship. This button allows the user to exit the article and instantly view Weather.com in its place.

Why is a Safe Exit needed?

The Family Advocacy Program and Military OneSource want to keep users safe. Abusive partners often monitor victims' internet activities. Any indication (real or perceived) that victims may be seeking to leave the relationship can lead to an abusive event, or an escalation of violence.

While there is no way to make online browsing completely safe, the Safe Exit button allows the user to immediately view an unrelated website if their abusive partner comes into the room. This Safe Exit button is in line with industry best practices for user safety.

What can service providers and leaders do to help?

If you suspect that a service member or their partner is in an abusive relationship, let them know there are options for finding resources to stay safe. These include the Family Advocacy Program, calling Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or contacting the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. Learn more about [safe internet browsing](#)¹ and [technology misuse in relationships](#).² And be sure to provide them with the linked information in this fact sheet.

If you are a commander, a FAP professional or military law enforcement, you can also learn more about the dynamics of technology-facilitated domestic abuse through the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center. Enroll in the computer-based course, Technology Evidence in Domestic Abuse. Visit the [DC3 Cyber Training Academy](#)³ website to learn more.

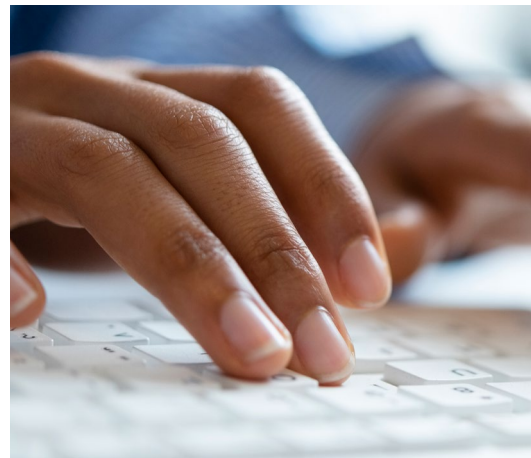
¹ <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/tips-for-safe-internet-browsing/>

² <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/document-technology-misuse/>

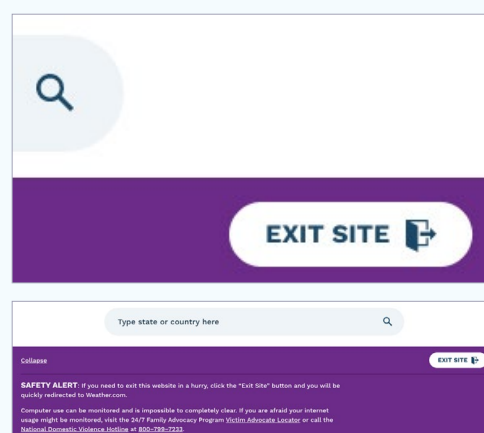
³ <https://www.dc3.mil/Missions/DC3-Cyber-Training-Academy/DC3-Cyber-Training-Academy/>

⁴ <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/DAVA>

⁵ <https://www.thehotline.org/>



What does the Safe Exit button look like?



A purple bar runs across the bottom of a webpage with a white, oval button on the right-hand side.

Within the purple bar, it says:

- **SAFETY ALERT:** If you need to exit this website in a hurry, click the “Exit Site” button and you will be quickly redirected to Weather.com.
- Computer use can be monitored and is impossible to completely clear. If you are afraid your internet usage might be monitored, visit the 24/7 Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate Locator⁴ or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline⁵.



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