

Corrigendum

Glossary of terms: A shared understanding of the common terms used to describe psychological trauma, version 3.0

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This corrigendum is being published to remove two bullets from a definition in [the following article](#):

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The first two bullets have been removed from the Military sexual trauma (MST) definition.

At the time of this publication, the Department of National Defence (DND) Terminology Board endorsed the definition of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) provided. Although published on DND's website on September 26, 2023, this definition was removed from its website in early January 2024.

Before correction

Military sexual trauma (MST)

General public and academic definition

- *Military sexual trauma* (MST) is trauma caused to a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) member as a result of unwanted sexual or sexualized activity by another CAF member. There can be varying degrees and impacts of trauma.
- (*The above is the official definition endorsed by the Department of National Defence Terminology Board and the opening sentence of the Glossary of Terms 3.0 definition.*)
- MST is currently not listed as a diagnosis in the DSM-5-TR or ICD-11.
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 - Any situation involving comments, unwanted touching, grabbing, or sexual advances, including hazing activities or rituals
 - Sexual contact or activities while sleeping, unconscious, or any other circumstance where the person's capacity to consent is impaired by drugs or alcohol
 - Sexualized comments or displays of pornographic or demeaning materials in the workplace
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 - Witnessing any of the examples of sexual or sexualized activities in this list
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 - Feeling guilt or shame, anger or rage
 - Problems in work (such as reduced productivity, conflict with coworkers)
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The original online version of the article has been modified on February 28, 2024, to reflect this change. Once available, the PDF version of the article will reflect the updated version of the definition.