

VICTIM RIGHTS

1. A victim has the right to be treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity at all stages of the criminal justice process.
2. A victim has the right to be informed, upon request, when a person who is accused of or has been convicted of a crime perpetrated directly against them, has been released from custody or has escaped.
3. If the perpetrator is or was a spouse, living as if a spouse, or has a child in common with the victim, the victim has the right to confer with the prosecutor's office after the crime has been charged, before trial and before any disposition of the case.
4. A victim has the right to have his/her safety considered in determining release from custody of the perpetrator.
5. A victim has the right to be heard at any proceeding involving a sentencing or post-conviction release decision.
6. A victim has the right to make a written or oral statement for use in the preparation of a pre-sentence report.
7. A victim has the right to read the pre-sentence report, except for the confidential portions, and to respond to the material contained in the pre-sentence report.
8. A victim has the right to pursue an order of restitution and other civil remedies against the person convicted of a crime against the victim.
9. A victim has the right to information about the disposition of a criminal case involving the victim, including information regarding conviction, dismissal, sentence, or release of a person accused of committing a crime against the victim.
10. A victim has the right to be present at all public stages of the criminal justice process, as long as the court has not issued an order to the contrary.
11. A victim has a right to timely notification of all hearings and proceedings that are scheduled in the criminal matter in which the victim is involved.
12. A victim has the right to be promptly notified when a criminal proceeding has been rescheduled or cancelled.
13. A victim has the right to an interpreter or translator.
14. A victim has the right to be informed of the availability of and application process for community services, including compensation funds, transportation, victim assistance, social services and legal services.
15. A victim has the right to submit an affidavit to the Prosecuting Attorney alleging that an act of or threat of physical violence or intimidation has been made against the victim or immediate family by the defendant, or at the defendant's direction, and that affidavit can result in a request to the court to revoke the defendant's bond.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. A victim needs to provide and maintain with the Prosecuting Attorney and other necessary agencies a form with the victim's current address and telephone number in order to receive the best service. This information can be kept confidential.
2. It is necessary for victims and/or witnesses to appear at the dates and times listed on their subpoenas.