



## Crimes Covered by the Victim Rights Act

The Victim Rights Act guarantees certain rights to victims

- Assault 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree
- Burglary 1st degree
- Vehicular assault/homicide
- Vehicular - Careless driving resulting in death
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death
- Child abuse
- Homicide/criminally negligent
- Manslaughter
- Murder 1st and 2nd degree
- Human trafficking
- Kidnapping 1st and 2nd degree
- Incest/aggravated incest
- Indecent exposure
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Sexual assault/unlawful sexual contact
- Sex assault on a child
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault
- Menacing
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Bias motivated crimes
- Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles
- Domestic violence - any crime
- Retaliation against a victim, witness, judge or juror
- Tampering with a victim or witness
- Witness intimidation
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation, or accessory involving any of the crimes specified in the above list
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence.
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident, where the accident results in the death or serious bodily injury of another person.
- Posting a private image for harassment in violation or posting a private image for pecuniary gain

If the victim is deceased or incapacitated, the victim's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, significant other or other lawful representative may exercise these rights.

## Victim Services May Assist with the Following

- Immediate crisis intervention and follow up support
- Special services for juvenile, elderly or victims with disabilities
- Referrals for medical and emergency services
- Referrals for mental health and social services
- Translation services
- Intervention with creditors, landlords and employers
- Referrals for legal resources
- Referrals for child care services
- Transportation
- How to obtain public records, police reports
- Information about protective orders
- Support services and community resources

## Rights for Crime Victims

- To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, and the right to be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation.
- To a prompt return of the victim's property after it is no longer needed as evidence.
- To be informed of the results of any court-ordered HIV testing.
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services.
- To receive annual updates on cold cases, upon written request.

## Rights During the Court Process

- To be present and heard regarding bond reduction, acceptance of plea negotiations, case disposition, sentencing, or modification of sentence.
- To consult with the district attorney prior to any disposition of the case or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case.
- To be informed of the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations.
- To prepare a Victim Impact Statement and to be present and/or heard at sentencing.
- To have restitution ordered and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime.
- To be assured that in any criminal proceeding, the appropriate action will be taken to achieve a swift and fair resolution.
- Have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings.
- To know if the accused or convicted of the crime is released from custody, paroled or escapes.

## Rights After the Conviction

- To be informed of and heard at any reconsideration of sentence, parole hearing or commutation of sentence.
- To be informed when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility or hospital.
- To view all or a portion of the report of the probation department at the discretion of the District Attorney.

After the conviction of a crime, and upon written request by the crime victim, local correctional authorities will notify you of:

- The institution in which the person is incarcerated.
- Projected date of the person's release.
- Any release of a person on furlough, work release or community correctional facility in advance of such release.
- Any scheduled parole hearing and any changes in hearing schedules.
- Any escape, transfer or release from a correctional facility or program.
- The transfer to a non-secured facility.
- The death of a person while in a correctional facility or program.

In addition, upon request of the victim, correctional officials will keep confidential the victim's or immediate family's address, phone numbers, places of employment or personal information.

## Victim Compensation

If you are:

- A victim of a violent crime
- A dependent of a deceased victim
- Authorized to act on behalf of a victim

Depending on circumstances, you can apply for assistance through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. To be eligible you must have reported the crime to a law enforcement agency, cooperated in an investigation and applied to be considered for assistance. To apply or for more information, contact:

- **Adams County** 303.835.5615
- **Arapahoe County** 720.874.8787

Colorado website:

[www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp](http://www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp)

## COURTS

**Adams County**  
1100 Judicial Center Dr.,  
Brighton, CO 80601  
303.659.1161

**Arapahoe County**  
7325 S. Potomac St.  
Centennial, CO  
80112  
303.645.6600

**Douglas County**  
4000 Justice Way  
#2525-A, Castle Rock, CO 80109  
720.733.4500

**Aurora**  
14999 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO  
80012  
303.739.7810  
  
Victim/Witness Liaison  
303.739.6412

If your case was filed with the District Attorney's Office and you have questions concerning the prosecution of your case, contact the Victim/Witness Unit in the county where the crime occurred.

- **Adams County**  
303.659.7735
- **Arapahoe County**  
720.874.8618 or 8619

## DETENTION/JAIL

**Aurora Detention Center**  
14999 E. Alameda Pkwy. Aurora, CO  
80012  
303.739.6165

**Adams County Jail**  
150 N. 19th Ave.  
Brighton, CO 80601  
303.655.3495

**Arapahoe County Jail**  
7375 S. Potomac St.  
Centennial, CO  
80112  
720.874.3500

If all local efforts to obtain your rights as a victim have failed, you can request assistance from the Governor's Victim Coordinating Committee. Communications may be verbal or may in writing.

For additional information, contact:

**Division of Criminal Justice Office for Victims' Programs**  
700 Kipling St., Suite 1000  
Denver, Colorado 80215  
303.239.4442