COMMUNITY RESOURCES NOTES: AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES • Emergencies 911 • Non-Emergency Line 303.627.3100 • Records Unit (for Police Reports) 303.739.6320 **24 HOUR CRISIS LINES** • The Blue Bench (sexual violence) 303.322.7273 TDD - 303.329.0023 • Colorado Crisis Services 1.844.493.TALK (8255) Gateway Domestic Violence Services 303.343.1851 OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES • Arc of Aurora Advocacy Program 720.213.1420 Asian Pacific Development Center 720.394.7909 • Aurora Mental Health 303.617.2300 Aurora Day Resource Center (Homeless Resources) 303.343.7808 Gateway Court Advocacy Program Municipal Court Domestic Violence 303.739.7837 • Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) 877.623.3435 Project Safeguard Civil protection orders & other civil legal resources of Domestic and/or sexual violence, stalking 720.618.3482 Servicios de la Raza VISTAS 303.953.5930 Social Services **Adams County** 720.523.2700 **Arapahoe County** 303.636.1130 **CIVIL LEGAL RESOURCES** Legal Information Network of CO 720.583.2929 ColoradoLInc.org (online help tool) JAMLAC

To submit U-Visa certifications and/or request information on that process, please email apduvisacert@auroragov.org.

the RIGHTS of Crime VICTIMS

We are sorry to learn you have been a victim of a crime. As a victim, you may have experienced injury, loss, confusion, and a disruption of your life. Feelings of shock, disbelief, fear, vulnerability, anger and frustration may result. Having information and an understanding about the system may be helpful to you at this time.

Once a crime is reported, a person who is a victim of crime becomes part of the criminal justice system. It can be a confusing and sometimes perplexing experience.

The Aurora Police Department Victim Services Unit will assist you with any issues you may have experienced because of this crime. Our victim advocates provide support and assistance to victims during the process.

This brochure has been prepared to assist you in understanding your rights and to answer commonly asked questions.

Because victims are such an important part of the criminal justice process, in November 1992 the voters of Colorado passed a resolution to include the Victim Rights Act as part of the state's constitution.

For more information on the Victim Rights Act, go to www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp.

When you call our office, please refer to your Case Number and the victim advocate that has been assigned to your case.

Case Number	
Advocate	
@auroragov.org	

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Provided by: Aurora Police Department

15001 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora Colorado 80012 Victims Services

303.839.1008

303.433.2812 (RMIAN)

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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 courtordered 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

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

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 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

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' Programs700 Kipling St., Suite 1000
Denver, Colorado 80215
303.239.4442