



CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Privacy | Victims have the right to:

- Refuse interview, deposition and discovery requests made by the accused.
- In certain sex-crime cases, request that the police report not be released publicly.

Protection | Victims have the right to:

- Protection from the accused.
- Seek a court order to prevent intimidation/harm.
- In cases of domestic violence, seek a protection order.

Representation | Victims have the right to:

- Designate themselves or another person to act as their representative.

Legal Proceedings | Victims have the right to:

- Confer with a prosecutor, proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and a prompt conclusion to the case.
- Be present, heard and accompanied by a support person/victim advocate.
- Attend court without being threatened/penalized as a result of time missed from work.



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Notification | Victims have the right to:

- Receive notice of public proceedings and be notified of the results of the case.
- Receive notices of any release/escape of an offender.
- Receive notice of a pending motion for release of the offender, be heard at the hearing, and be notified of the decision.
- Receive notice of any application for release of the offender and to send a written statement to the applicable authority.
- In cases of sexually oriented or child victim-oriented offense, receive notice that the offender has registered as a sex offender.
- In cases of certain sexually violent offenses committed by certain offenders, receive notice of a hearing to determine whether to modify the offender's prison term.

Compensation | Victims have the right to:

- Apply for victim compensation.
- Receive restitution.
- Bring a civil action to obtain money from the offender's profits fund, and, in certain cases, to maintain a civil action against the parent of a minor.
- Receive potential payment for damages caused by a lack of parental authority/control.

NOTE: Ohio law requires law enforcement agencies to provide victims with a Victims' Rights Request Form.

Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section

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