

## VICTIM RIGHTS

This brochure lists rights given to victims of crime in Oregon. **Please contact your local District Attorney or Juvenile Department** for more information about your rights or about upcoming hearings. See the Victim Services Contact Information in this brochure for other options.

Upon request, your local District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program or local Juvenile Department will give you a booklet, "Legal Rights for Crime Victims in Oregon". This booklet has more information about victims' rights. It is also available at: [www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.info](http://www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.info).

**Crime victims' rights information is available at:**

**[www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.info](http://www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.info)**

A toll free information line in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese and Korean is available at **1-877-287-1010**.

**Some of the victims' rights only become rights if you request them.** Contact your local District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program or Juvenile Department if you want to request these rights.

**The first hearing in a case can come within hours of an arrest. If you are concerned about someone's release from custody after an arrest, contact your District Attorney's Office or Juvenile Department *immediately*.**

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## VICTIM SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION

**CRIME VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE SECTION**  
1-800-503-7983

**CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM**  
1-800-503-7983

**IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES**  
503-542-2855

**STATEWIDE LEGAL AID INFORMATION**  
[WWW.OREGONLAWHELP.ORG](http://WWW.OREGONLAWHELP.ORG)

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE**  
1-800-799-SAFE  
[WWW.NDVH@NDVH.COM](mailto:WWW.NDVH@NDVH.COM)

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE**  
1-800-656-HOPE  
[WWW.RAINN.ORG](http://WWW.RAINN.ORG)

**OREGON BOARD OF PAROLE/POST-PRISON SUPERVISION**  
503-945-0907

**OREGON PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**  
503-229-5597

**OREGON STATE POLICE SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION**  
1-800-551-2934

**OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY**  
503-373-7205

**PORTLAND WOMEN'S CRISIS LINE**  
(STATEWIDE REFERRAL TO LOCAL CRISIS PROGRAMS)  
1-800-235-5333

**VINE: VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY**  
1-877-674-8463  
[WWW.VINELINK.COM](http://WWW.VINELINK.COM)

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# VICTIMS' RIGHTS GUIDE



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**Every Victim, Every Crime**  
**Every Right, Every Time**

## GENERAL RIGHTS

- Your right to justice includes the right to a meaningful role in the criminal or juvenile justice process, to dignity and respect, to fair and impartial treatment and to reasonable protection.
- You have the right to have a support person with you.
- If your case involved physical harm or death, you may be able to get financial help for counseling, medical or death-related costs. Call:

### **Crime Victims' Compensation Program 1-800-503-7983**

- If you request, you can get notice of certain open court proceedings.
- You can attend open court proceedings.
- You can ask for a copy of a recording of open court proceedings. You may be charged for the recording.
- You can get criminal history information about the defendant, convicted criminal, alleged youth offender or youth offender.
- You can request to withhold your address and phone number from an adult defendant.
- You can request that the person charged or convicted in your case get an HIV test.
- You can get confidential HIV testing, counseling, and referrals for health care.
- You can ask the court to limit distribution of information about or recordings of sexual conduct before trial.

## FOLLOWING AN ARREST

- If you request, you can be notified about the release hearing.
- The judge will consider your safety at a pretrial release hearing.
- The defendant can be ordered not to contact you.

- You can refuse to speak to an attorney or private investigator for the defendant or alleged youth offender.
- You have the right to be consulted about the plea in a violent felony case.

## IF YOUR CASE GOES TO TRIAL AND SENTENCING

- The court will consider your schedule, to the extent the court is aware of it, when setting trial or hearings that you need to attend.
- You have a right to express your views at sentencing, in person or in writing. If a pre-sentence investigation report is ordered in your case, you can have a statement included in it.
- Your past sexual behavior is usually not to be discussed in court.

## AFTER SENTENCING

- You have a right to prompt restitution for your crime-related costs.
- If you request, you can be notified about juvenile review hearings.
- You have a right to be heard at a hearing on a motion to set aside a conviction.
- You have the right to know about sex offenders. Call:

### **Oregon State Police Sex Offender Information 1-800-551-2934**

- You have a right not to be contacted by the sex offender convicted in your case.
- If you request, you can get 30 days notice about parole hearings.
- If you request, you can be notified when the convicted person is released from prison.
- If you request, you can be notified of hearings where probation may be revoked.

- You can have a role in deciding whether to ask a judge to order a youth offender to do work or other service for you as a condition of probation.
- If your property is damaged by graffiti, you can allow, or refuse to allow, a youth offender on your property to clean it up.
- You will be notified about early disposition programs that may apply to your case.
- You can request information about the defendant or alleged youth offender from the Psychiatric Review Board if under their jurisdiction.

## OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION

- You can ask for a restraining order if you are a victim of family, elder, or disabled person abuse or are threatened with such abuse.
- You can go to the police or to court and ask for a stalking protective order if you have been a victim of stalking.
- You may be able to:
  - Get unemployment benefits.
  - End a rental agreement early.
  - Have your locks changed.
  - Get special arrangements for public housing.
  - Set up a payment plan with the phone company.
- If you are a victim of domestic violence, you may be able to get financial help from the Department of Human Services through their Oregon Temporary Assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors (TA/DVS) fund.
- Your immigration status should not affect your access to the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- Immigrant victims may have additional legal options.