

COLORADO VICTIMS' RIGHTS ACT

The Constitution of the State of Colorado and the laws of this state guarantee certain rights to victims of these criminal acts:

- Murder, manslaughter, homicide
- Vehicular homicide, vehicular assault
- Assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- Sexual assault on an adult or child
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Robbery
- Incest
- Child abuse
- Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles
- Crimes involving domestic violence
- Careless driving resulting in death
- Harassment by stalking
- Criminal invasion of privacy
- Bias-motivated crime
- Retaliation, intimidation or aggravated intimidation against a victim or witness
- Tampering with a witness or victim
- Indecent exposure
- Violation of a protection order issued against a person charged with committing sexual assault or stalking
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Human trafficking
- Retaliation against judge, juror, or prosecutor
- First degree burglary
- Second degree burglary of a dwelling
- First degree arson
- Crimes involving child prostitution
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in SBI
- Posting a private image for harassment or pecuniary gain
- Harassment – ethnic intimidation
- Unlawful sexual contact

SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

- To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity
- To be informed of and present at all critical stages of the criminal justice process
- To be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse and informed about what steps can be taken if there is intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of the crime, or anyone acting their behalf
- To notification of any change in the status of the accused
- To be heard at any court proceeding that involves a bond reduction or modification, acceptance of a negotiated plea agreement or sentencing, or any modification of sentence
- To have restitution ordered and be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime
- To the release of property after the case is settled and it's no longer needed as evidence
- To notification of all case dispositions including appeals
- To timely notification of all court dates
- To employer intercession
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services
- To be informed of all processes for enforcing compliance
- To be informed of the results of any HIV
- At the discretion of the district attorney, the victim has the right to view all, or a portion of, the pre-sentence report of the probation department testing that is ordered and performed
- To have criminal justice representatives make all reasonable efforts to exclude or redact the victim's social security number
- To notification of how to request protection of the victim's address
- To be informed about the existence of a criminal protection order and how to request modification of such order
- To receive a free copy of the initial incident report (release is at the discretion of the law enforcement agency)
- To receive a copy of the Victim Impact Statement from the District Attorney
- If a victim contacts a criminal justice agency regarding a crime that occurred before 1993, and the offender who committed the crime is currently serving a sentence for the crime, the victim may request notification of any future critical stages
- To be notified by the district attorney of a hearing concerning a petition for sealing of records
- Victims incarcerated or held at the Division of Youth Services have the right to be heard by telephone during identified critical stages
- To be informed of any request for progression from the state mental health hospital on behalf of a person in its custody as a result of a criminal case involving the victim, and the right to be heard at any hearing which a court considered such a request. "Request for progression" includes any request for off-grounds or unsupervised privileges, community placement, conditional release, unconditional discharge, or a special furlough
- To be informed of the results of a probation revocation hearing
- To be informed of the results of a parole revocation hearing
- To be informed of the decision the Governor's decision to commute or pardon a person convicted of a crime against the victim before such information is publicly disclosed

If the victim of the crime is deceased or incapacitated, these rights are guaranteed to the victim's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, significant other or lawful representative.

For a complete listing of your rights, please refer to the Colorado Revised Statutes 24-4.1-301 through 24-4.1-304 at dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/office-for-victims-programs

CRITICAL STAGES

- Filing of charges
- Preliminary hearing
- Bond reduction or modification hearing
- Arraignment
- Motions hearings
- Disposition hearings
- Trial
- Sentencing hearings
- Post sentencing hearings including the decision to conduct post-conviction DNA testing to establish the actual innocence of a person convicted of a crime against a victim. The results of such testing and future court hearings as a result of the testing are included.
- Subpoena for records concerning a victim's medical history, mental health, education, or crime victim compensation claim
- Appellate review
- Modifications of sentence - restricted
- Probation revocation
- A change of venue for probation supervision
- A warrant issued by probation
- Request for early termination from probation or community corrections
- Attack on judgement or conviction
- Hearing on expungement of juvenile record
- Sealing adult records
- Parole hearing
- Parole release or discharge from prison
- Parole revocation hearing
- Execution of an offender in a capital case
- Transfer to/placement in a non-secure facility or a non-residential status
- Transfer, release or escape from a state hospital
- Petitions by sex offenders to cease registration
- Full Parole Board hearing
- Resentencing following a probation revocation hearing and request for early termination of probation

The Rights of Victims of Crime

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VOI provides free information and support to all victims of crime or trauma regardless of ability, age, citizenship, criminal history, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, immigration status, language, race, or sexual orientation.

Victim services

Police-based victim advocates will help you understand the criminal justice process and assist you in gaining information or offering input about your case. You can reach a victim advocate by calling the law enforcement agency to which the crime was reported. Advocates also have information and resources to assist you with:

- Crisis intervention / safety planning
- Locating emergency resources
- Education about trauma and coping
- Information about case status, restraining orders and the criminal justice system
- Application for Crime Victim Compensation (CVC)
- Referrals to counseling, legal and community resources
- Employer intervention
- Translation services
- Restitution

If you feel your rights have not been upheld

- Contact the person you feel has not upheld your rights and explain what has not been done
- Seek assistance from your victim advocate or counselor
- Seek assistance from an official of the agency you feel has not upheld your rights

If you are unable to resolve your issues, Colorado state law provides that affected persons may enforce compliance with the provisions of the law by notifying the Governor's Victims' Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee:

Dept. of Public Safety
Div. of Criminal Justice Office for Victims' Programs
700 Kipling St, Ste 1000
Denver, CO 80215-5865
303-239-4442

If the defendant has been arrested

A defendant may post bond within 4 hours of seeing a judge if bond and bond conditions are set. If GPS monitoring is ordered Pre-Trial Services will set up monitoring. If you have a request related to bond or have information pertinent to the consideration of bond or release, you may contact a victim advocate with the arresting agency who will provide information about contacting the District Attorney's office.

Jail release information

Police will request your CONFIDENTIAL contact information to provide to the Jail upon the offender's arrest. For this purpose, your contact information is not discoverable. You will be notified of custody status unless you choose to opt out of notification. You may sign up for an automatic alert of the offender's change in custody status through Colorado VINE. Register by phone at 888-263-8463 or online at www.colorado-vine.com. You will need the offenders name and your phone number or email address for notification and a PIN.

Jefferson County Jail inmate info 303-271-5444
Adams County Jail inmate info 303-655-3495

District Attorney's office

For specific questions concerning the prosecution of your case, you may contact the DA's office where the case was filed:

Jefferson County District Attorney
Victim Witness Unit
500 Jefferson County Pkwy
Golden, CO 80401
303-271-6550 TTY: 303-271-6909

Adams County District Attorney
Victim Witness Unit
1000 Judicial Center Dr, Ste 100
Brighton, CO 80601
303-659-7735

Inform your advocate if your contact info changes

Law enforcement agencies and victim services teams in 1st Judicial District (Jefferson County) 17th Judicial District (Adams County)

Adams County Sheriff <i>victim services</i>	303-654-1850 720-322-1242
Arvada Police <i>victim services</i>	720-898-6900 303-202-2196
Colorado School of Mines Police <i>victim services</i>	303-273-3333 303-202-2196
Colorado State Patrol <i>victim services</i>	303-239-4400 303-273-1618
Edgewater Police <i>victim services</i>	303-235-0500 303-202-2196
Golden Police <i>victim services</i>	303-384-8045 303-202-2196
Jefferson County Sheriff <i>victim services</i>	303-277-0211 303-271-5339
Lakeside Police <i>victim services</i>	303-455-1980 303-202-2196
Lakewood Police <i>victim services</i>	303-987-7111 303-987-7191
Morrison Police <i>victim services</i>	303-697-4810 303-202-2196
Mountain View Police <i>victim services</i>	303-425-1748 303-202-2196
Red Rocks Police <i>victim services</i>	303-914-6394 303-987-7191
Westminster Police <i>victim services</i>	303-658-4360 303-658-4210
Wheat Ridge Police <i>victim services</i>	303-237-2220 303-202-2196

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