

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.

Crime victims' rights information is available at:
www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.org

This brochure is available on the website in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese, and Korean.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
503-542-2855

STATEWIDE LEGAL AID INFORMATION
www.oregonlawhelp.org

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
1-800-799-SAFE
www.ndvh@ndvh.com

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE
1-800-656-HOPE
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)
1-888-235-5333

VINE: VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY
1-877-674-8463
www.VINELINK.com

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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.
- Your immigration status should not affect your access to the criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- You have the right to have a support person.
- 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 transcript or a recording of open court proceedings if one is already made. You will need to pay for the copy.
- You can get criminal history information about the defendant, convicted criminal, alleged youth offender or youth offender.
- Your "personal identifiers" will usually be protected.
- 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 or the district attorney can ask the court to limit distribution of information and recordings in cases involving sexual or invasion of personal privacy offenses.

FOLLOWING AN ARREST

- You may be able to take leave from work to attend criminal proceedings.
- If you request, you can be notified about any release hearing.
- The judge will consider your safety at any 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.
- In a DUII case, you may ask for information given to the defendant. If your property was damaged in a DUII case, you may be present and speak at diversion hearings.
- 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.
- The prosecutor will consider your recommendation, if any, about defendant diversion.
- Your past sexual behavior is usually not to be discussed in court.
- You may ask that there be no media coverage of sex offense proceedings.
- You have a right to express your views at sentencing, in person or in writing. If a pre-sentence investigation report is ordered, you can have a statement included in it.

AFTER SENTENCING

- You have a right to prompt restitution for your crime-related costs.
- If you request, you can be notified about various juvenile 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 convicted 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 of parole hearings.

- You will not usually be required to testify at a post-conviction release hearing.
- If you request, you can be notified of release from a correction facility.
- 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 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 Security Review Board.

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.
- If you are a victim of sexual assault, a hospital must give you accurate information and access to emergency contraception.
- You may be able to:
 - Take leave from work.
 - Get unemployment benefits.
 - End a rental agreement early.
 - Have your locks changed.
 - Get special public housing arrangements.
 - 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.
- Immigrant victims may have additional legal options or rights.