

Victims Rights Under Article XXIX of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut

In all criminal prosecutions, a victim, as the General Assembly may define by law, shall have the following rights:

- The right to be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process;
- The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused provided no right of the accused is abridged;
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
- The right to notification of court proceedings;
- The right to attend the trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend, unless such person is to testify and the court determines that such person's testimony would be materially affected if such person hears other testimony;
- The right to communicate with the prosecution;
- The right to object to or support any plea agreement entered into by the accused and the prosecution and to make a statement to the court before the acceptance by the court of the plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the accused;
- The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing;
- The right to restitution which shall be enforceable in the same manner as any other cause of action or as otherwise provided by law;
- The right to information about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

The General Assembly shall provide by law for the enforcement of this subsection. Nothing in this subsection or in any law enacted pursuant to this subsection shall be construed as creating a basis for vacating a conviction or ground for appellate relief in any criminal case.

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Victim Services Coordinator



Mission Statement

The Victim Assistance Coordinator will serve as a point person by offering direction, resources, and information to the members of the Bridgeport community that have been a victim of a violent crime and need assistance.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator will assist victims of a violent crime and family survivors with the process of filing for Victim Compensation funds to qualify victims and their surviving families with the expenses incurred as a result of a violent crime.

State of Connecticut Information and Support Services

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Office of Victim Services (OVS): 1-800-822-8428

Court and Custody Status Notification (CT SAV-
IN) 1-877-846-3428 Department of Correction
Victim Services Unit: 1-888-869-7057

Domestic Violence (CCADV): 1-888-774-2900

Sexual Assault (The Alliance): 1-888-999-5545

Drunk Driving Victims (MADD): 1-800-544-3690

Homicide (Survivors): 1-860-257-7388

Infoline (United Way): 211

Elder Abuse: 1-888-385-4225

Child Abuse Care Line: 1-800-842-2288

Office of the Victim Advocate: 1-888-771-3126

Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA): 1-
800-842-7303

Immigration Services (USCIS): 1-800-375-5283

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS

Crime victims have certain rights including the right to:

- Be reasonably protected from the accused.
- Get information about court dates, and the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the offender.
- Request restitution for crime-related expenses.

- Apply to OVS for financial help for certain crime-related expenses (1-888-286-7347).
- Ask the court to return property taken for the investigation.

For more information about crime victim rights, please call the OVS Helpline at 1-800-822-8428.



(EN ESPAÑOL)

SERVICIOS DE INFORMACIÓN Y APOYO

- Oficina de Servicios a las Víctimas (OVS): 1-800-822-8428
- Notificación sobre la causa en el tribunal y la situación de reclusión del confinado (CT SAVIN): 1-877-846-3428
- Departamento de Penitenciarias, Unidad de Servicios a las Víctimas: 1-888-869-7057
- Violencia Intrafamiliar (CCADV): 1-888-774-2900
- Agresión Sexual (The Alliance): 1-888-568-8332
- Víctimas de conductores embriagados (MADD): 1-800-544-3690
- Homicidio (sobrevivientes de un homicidio): 1-860-257-7388
- Línea de Información (United Way): 211
- Maltrato a Ancianos: 1-888-385-4225

- Línea de asistencia contra el Maltrato a Menores: 1-800-842-2288
- Oficina del Intercesor de Víctimas del Delito: 1-888-771-3126
- Oficina de Intercesión y Apoyo para Personas Discapacitadas: 1-800-842-7303
- Servicios de Inmigración (USCIS): 1-800-375-5283

DERECHOS DE LAS VÍCTIMAS DE DELITOS

A las víctimas de delitos le corresponden ciertos derechos, tales como el derecho a:

- Ser protegido del acusado, dentro de lo razonable.
- Obtener información sobre las fechas de las audiencias, así como la detención, condena, imposición de la pena, encarcelamiento y la puesta en libertad del acusado.
- Solicitar indemnización por gastos incurridos como consecuencia del delito.
- Solicitar ayuda económica a la OVS por gastos incurridos en relación con algún delito en cuestión (1-888-286-7347).
- Solicitar al tribunal la devolución de bienes confiscados para fines investigativos.
- Para más información sobre los derechos de las víctimas de delitos, favor de comunicarse con la línea de información de la OVS, llamando al 1-800-822-8428.

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