

OHIO CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

The State of Ohio, through its Constitution, has established a Bill of Rights for Crime Victims.

If you are a victim of crime, Ohio law grants you a number of important rights. A selection of these rights are listed below:

- Right to receive information about your rights as a victim.
- Right to appoint a representative.
- Right to receive current information about the criminal investigation.
- Right to be notified when the offender is arrested or released before trial.
- Right to reasonable return of property.
- Right to information from and meaningful discussions with the prosecutor on your case.
- Right to be free from intimidation.
- Right to meaningful participation during the trial.
- Right to make a statement at sentencing about the impact of the crime.
- Right to participate in criminal proceedings without jeopardizing employment status.
- Right to receive notice if violent offender escapes custody before trial or sentencing.
- Right to receive information after sentencing.
- Right to information and input about defendant's incarceration and parole status.
- Rights after being victimized by a juvenile offender.
- Right to request a protection order in certain types of cases.
- Special rights of victims of sexual abuse.

You can receive additional information about your rights as a crime victim by calling the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office at 330.451.7452.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1

Stark County Jail	330.430.3800
VINE (Victim Info/Notification Everyday)	800.770.0192
Ohio Dept. Rehabilitations and Corrections - Victim Services (toll free)	888.842.8464
Crime Victim Compensation (Toll Free)	800.582.2877
Crime Victim Compensation - Stark County	330.451.7452

COURT RELATED NUMBERS

Stark County Prosecutor's Office	330.451.7897
Victim/Witness Division	330.451.7452
Adult Felony Violent Crimes Victim Advocate	330.451.7112
Victim Advocate, Juvenile Division	330.451.7621
Adult Felony Theft & Fraud Victim Advocate	330.451.7885
Domestic Violence Advocate	330.451.7113

Municipal Court Victim Advocates

Alliance	330.823.6610
Canton	330.451.7879
Massillon	330.830.2865

Alliance City Prosecutor's Office	330.823.6610
Canton City Prosecutor's Office	330.489.3395
Massillon City Prosecutor's Office	330.830.1718
Juvenile Court	330.451.7415
Adult Probation Department	330.451.7836

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT NUMBERS

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	330.823.7223
Stark County Rape Crisis Hotline	330.452.1111
Compass Rape Crisis	330.437.3705
Domestic Violence Project Inc. Hotline	330.453.7233
Crisis Intervention Hotline	330.452.6000
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.	330.456.8361
Stark County Job & Family Services	330.452.4661
The Children's Network of Stark County	330.451.1700

For more information on victim services and to access the Victims' Rights Request Form, visit:

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Stark County Prosecutor's Office
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www.starkcountyohio.gov/prosecutor



A MESSAGE FROM THE STARK COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

As Stark County's elected Prosecutor, I want every victim of crime to know they will be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Your rights as a crime victim will be protected and upheld.

While victims' rights have long been recognized, the passage of Marsy's Law by Ohio voters in 2017, and its revision in 2023, strengthened those protections. Marsy's Law ensures victims have a meaningful voice in the legal process and are properly supported throughout.

Our dedicated staff is committed to advocating for victims at every stage of the criminal justice system. We have trained professionals available to assist in Stark County's three Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court, and the Court of Common Pleas. Our advocates offer a range of services, including referrals, court accompaniment, updates on case proceedings, and education on victims' rights and the justice process.

We are here to support you—and to help ease the emotional toll that can come with being a victim of crime.

Kyle L. Stone

Stark County Prosecuting Attorney

VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES

If you have been the victim of a crime in Stark County, Ohio, you are entitled to support from the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office. We understand that experiencing a crime can be overwhelming and confusing—for both victims and their families. Our goal is to provide immediate, practical assistance, regardless of whether the offender has been identified or arrested.

Our services include:

- Outreach to assess victims' needs
- Assistance with replacing stolen credit cards, ID cards, and driver's licenses
- Referrals for emergency services and community resources
- Crisis counseling and emotional support for victims and family members
- Help completing Victim Impact Statements
- Court accompaniment and in-person support during hearings
- Ongoing case status updates and court date notifications
- Access to Victims of Crime Compensation applications and legal referrals (if eligible)
- Specialized support for child victims of abuse
- Interpreter services and accommodations for individuals with special needs attending court

Our advocates are here to ensure you feel informed, supported, and empowered throughout the justice process.

The Ohio VINE Service

VINE is a free service that offers peace of mind to victims of crime by providing access to timely and reliable offender information. Victims have the ability to call a toll-free number, visit www.vinelink.com, or use the VINELink mobile app to anonymously check on an offender's custody status. Victims can also register to receive automated notifications about changes in custody status via their choice of delivery method: in-app, phone, email, or text TTY (hearing impaired) service is also available.

For more information contact VINE services at:
800.770.0192 or TTY 866.847.1298
www.vinelink.com

OHIO VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM

In 1976, the Ohio Legislature created the Victims of Crime Compensation Program to provide reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses which eligible crime victims may incur. The program is administered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. See crime victims compensation guidelines below:

Who may be eligible to receive a payment:

- Victims injured as a result of violent crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Claimants responsible for crime victims' expenses, such as a parent or guardian.

Payments may cover:

- Medical and related expenses
- Counseling
- Wages lost because of the crime
- The cost to replace items taken as evidence
- The cost to replace items of clothing damaged as a result of medical treatment or assessment
- Payment for hearing aids, eyeglasses or other vision aids, dental appliances, teeth or other dental aids, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility equipment
- Crime scene cleanup
- Lost wages and travel expenses for family members of a deceased victim to attend court proceedings
- Financial support for dependents of a deceased victim
- Funeral and burial expenses

Total payments are limited to \$50,000 and payments cannot be made for pain and suffering or for stolen, damaged, or lost property.

The Attorney General's office will not reimburse victims for expenses that can be covered by other sources, such as insurance.

To be eligible for compensation, the crime must be reported to law enforcement and the victim must cooperate with requests from law enforcement.

Apply for Victims Compensation Online at:
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Apply-for-Victims-Compensation