

Additional Resources

PA Office of the Victim Advocate
800.563.6399 or OVA.PA.GOV

PA Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR) 800.692.7445 or PCAR.ORG
Find Your local Rape Crisis Center
888.772.7227

PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)
717.545.6400 or PCADV.ORG
Find Your Local Domestic Violence Program
PCADV.ORG/FIND-HELP

24-Hour National Hotline
800.799.SAFE (7233)

PA ChildLine
800.932.0313 or DHS.PA.GOV



 **P.O. Box 1167**
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1167

 **717-783-5153** or **800-233-2339**
(Toll Free)

 Fax # **717-787-4306**

 **ra-davesupport@pa.gov**



Find Local Support
& More Resources at
PCV.PCCD.PA.GOV

- **Learn More** About Victims' Rights
- **Locate Help** In Your County
- **Apply for** the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) & **File Claims** with Dependable Access for Victims' Expenses (DAVE)
- **Learn More** About the Address Confidentiality Program
- **Apply to** Receive Alerts From The PA Statewide Victim Notification System (PA SAVIN)
- **Download the** PA Crime Victims App

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YOUR LOCAL AGENCY'S INFORMATION



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS AS A Victim of Crime



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Pennsylvania
**Commission on Crime
and Delinquency**

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF CRIME IN PA, You Have the Following Rights

► **Being Treated with Respect**

You have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness by law enforcement and the courts.

► **Information About Your Case**

You can ask for updates about your case and the offender's status.

► **Help with Court Processes**

You can have someone explain legal procedures to you.

► **Support Services**

You can get help from victim services, including counseling and financial assistance.

► **Protection from Abuse**

You can ask for protection if you're a survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault and you feel unsafe.

► **Input in Sentencing**

You can share how the crime affected you before the judge decides the sentence.

► **Notice of Offender's Release**

You can be notified if the offender is released from jail or prison.

► **Restitution**

You may be able to receive money to cover losses caused by the crime

► **Confidentiality**

Your personal information should be kept private as much as possible.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

These Rights are Here to Protect & Support You

The justice system seems overwhelming, but support is available for you every step of the way. If you are a victim and believe your rights have been violated, contact the **Office of the Victim Advocate** at **OVA.PA.GOV**.

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This list was organized for quick reference. For the full list of victim rights and resources, **scan the QR code or visit PCCD.PA.GOV**.

View the
Full List of
Victims'
Rights at
PCCD.PA.GOV



Additional Rights for Specific Victims

Victims of Crimes Committed by Juveniles

- **Be notified** of hearings related to the juvenile's case.
- **Receive updates** on the final outcome of the case.

Victims of Sexual Assault

- **Have a** confidential counselor present at the hospital during a forensic exam
- **Have evidence** collected and tested anonymously (if requested).
- **Not be** billed for forensic exams or evidence collection.
- **Be notified** about the status of your sexual assault evidence kit and storage.

Victims of Personal Injury Crimes

- **Receive notice** when a suspect is arrested or a complaint is filed.
- **Be informed** about sentencing decisions and post-sentencing releases.
- **Know when** an offender is transferred to a mental health facility or released from incarceration.

Victims of Juvenile Personal Injury Crimes

- **Receive updates** if the juvenile is released from a shelter, detention center, or residential placement.
- **Provide written** objections before a juvenile is transferred or released.
- **Get immediate** notice if the juvenile escapes and is later caught.