



CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

As a crime victim, survivor of a crime victim or witness of a crime, Washington State Law provides that reasonable efforts be made to ensure for you the following rights:

- 1** To be informed of the final disposition of a case;
- 2** To be informed of changes in court dates to which you have been subpoenaed;
- 3** To receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution;
- 4** To receive any witness fees to which you are entitled;
- 5** To have, whenever practical, a secure waiting area provided for you during court proceedings;
- 6** To have any stolen or other personal property returned as soon as possible after completion of the case;
- 7** To have your employer contacted to minimize any problems when you are required to appear in court;
- 8** Access to immediate medical assistance without unreasonable delay;
- 9** As a victim or survivor of a victim, to be present in court during trial if your testimony has been given, and no further testimony is required.
- 10** As a victim or survivor of a victim, to be informed by the prosecuting attorney of the date, time and location of the trial and if requested, of the sentence hearing when there is a felony conviction.
- 11** To submit a victim impact statement to the court, which shall be included in the presentencing report and made a part of the offender's file;
- 12** As a victim or survivor of a victim, to present a statement personally, or by representation, at the sentencing hearing when there is a felony conviction.
- 13** As a victim or survivor of a victim, to have restitution ordered when there is a felony conviction, unless the court judges this to be inappropriate.

NOTE: *Chapter 7169 of the Revised Code of Washington states: "The failure of a person to make a reasonable effort to ensure that victims, survivors, and witnesses under this chapter have the rights enumerated in RCW 7.69.030 shall not result in civil liability against that person."*

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CHILD VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

In addition to the rights that have been provided for all crime victims and witnesses, Washington law states that reasonable efforts be made to ensure the following rights for **Child** victims and witnesses under the age of eighteen.

- 1** To have all proceedings explained in language which can be easily understood by the child.
- 2** To have, whenever possible, a secure waiting area provided for the child during court proceedings and to have a support person remain with the child.
- 3** To not have the name, address or photograph of the child victim or witness disclosed to any agency outside the criminal justice system without the permission of the child or the child's guardians.
- 4** To allow an advocate to make recommendations to the prosecuting attorney about the child's ability to cooperate with the prosecution and its potential effects upon the child.
- 5** To allow an advocate to inform the court about the child's ability to understand the nature of the proceedings.
- 6** To be provided information and referrals to agencies to assist the child and/or the child's family in dealing with the emotional impact of the crime and the subsequent legal proceedings.
- 7** To allow an advocate to be present in court to provide emotional support to the child during testimony.
- 8** To inform the court as to the need to have other supportive persons present during the child's testimony.
- 9** To allow law enforcement agencies to enlist the services of other professional personnel such as child protective services, victim advocates, or prosecutorial staff trained to interview child victims.