Crime Victim Rights and Enforcement

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Victim Resource Center (VRC)

- Informal Victim Rights Complaint Process
- General Victim Assistance
- Victim / Witness Services
- Training & TA for V/W staff
- Victim Appellate Notification Services
- Crisis Response

Victim / Witness Services

Crisis Response
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RIGHTS OF VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME

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Cross-reference: See definitions in s. 928.22.
Cross-reference: See also ch. No. 12, Wis. adm. code.

950.01 Legislative intent. In recognition of the civic and moral duty of victims and witnesses of crime to fully and voluntarily cooperate with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and in further recognition of the continuing importance of such citizen cooperation to state and local law enforcement efforts and the general effectiveness and well-being of the criminal justice system of this state, the legislature declares its intent, in this chap-
Exercising victim rights does **NOT** require cooperation with LE or prosecution.
Written notice of rights
Updates on status of investigation
No lie detector
Property return

Written notice of rights
Right to notice of & to attend proceedings
Right to be heard at proceedings
Confer
Victim impact statement
Restitution
PSI

Notice of releases, escapes, confinements, discharge
Full restitution and assistance with collection

To be treated with dignity respect, courtesy, sensitivity, and fairness
Privacy
Victim accompaniment
Speedy disposition
Enforcement

• Standing
• Appeals
Enforcement

Informal Complaint Process

- DOJ Victim Rights Specialist

Formal Complaint Process

- Crime Victims' Rights Board
Informal Complaint Process

Victim led

Gathers information

Closing letter

Limit to confidentiality

Not a finder of fact –
does not investigate!
Formal Complaint Process

Victims must complete informal process first

Crime Victims’ Rights Board (CVRB)

Attached to DOJ for admin purposes only

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Crime Victims' Rights Board (CVRB) can conduct investigations, make determinations of violations, and determine remedies. Victims must complete the informal process first.
Resources & Referrals

Toll Free: 1-800-446-6564
Option 2 for VRC

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Web site: https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs