

# Crime Victim Rights and Enforcement

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# Victim Resource Center (VRC)



# Victim Rights Authority



## CHAPTER 950

### RIGHTS OF VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME

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Cross-reference: See definitions in s. 939.22.  
Cross-reference: See also ch. Jus 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-

5. If a person specified in subd. 1. has been adjudicated incompetent in this state, the guardian of the person appointed for him or her.

(b) "Victim" does not include the person charged with or alleged to have committed the crime.

**(4m)** "Victim and witness office" means an organization or program that provides services for which the county receives reimbursement under this chapter.

**(5)** "Witness" means any person who has been or is expected

# 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

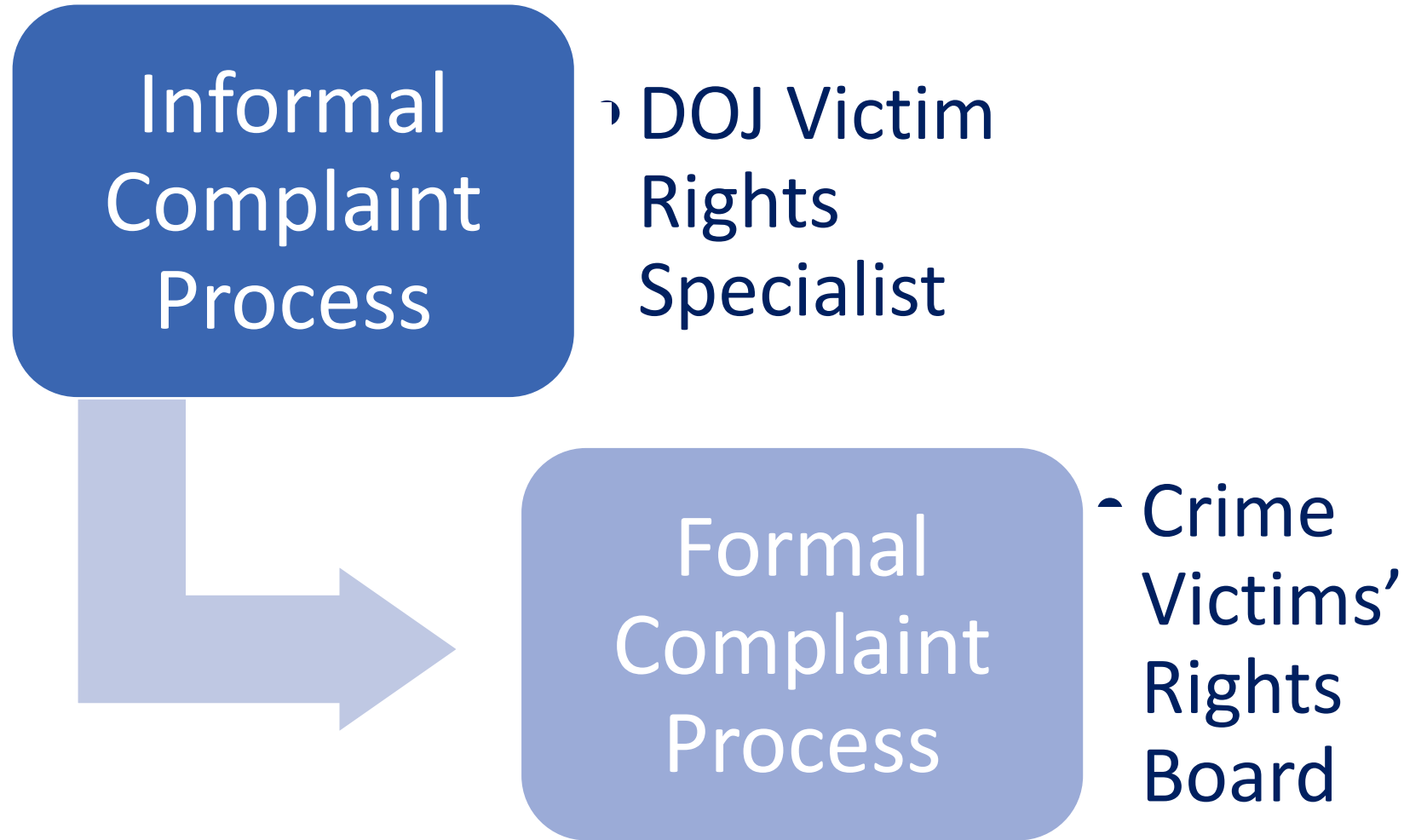
# Enforcement



- Standing
- Appeals



# Enforcement





# Informal Complaint Process



# Formal Complaint Process

Victims must complete informal process first



**Crime Victims' Rights Board (CVRB)**



*Attached to DOJ for admin purposes only*

Can conduct  
investigations

Can make  
determinations  
of violations

Determines  
remedies

# Resources & Referrals



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

Email:  
**ocvs@doj.state.wi.us**

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