



Whitewater Police Department

Crime Victim Information

Being the victim of a crime is a very disturbing experience. The following information describes some of the rights crime victims have in Wisconsin. It may help you in obtaining present and future services.

CASE STATUS

- If you have questions about the status of your case you can contact the Whitewater Police Department. We can provide you with basic information about any arrests which may have been made and/or the investigative status of the case.
- If an ADULT person has been arrested and incarcerated in connection with this case, you may call the county jail to find out if the person has been released from jail.
- If the case is referred to the district attorney's office for possible prosecution, the district attorney's office will try to contact you with additional information, including if charges will be filed and your right to attend court proceedings and to discuss the case with the prosecutor. You may contact the district attorney's office for more information about your rights.
- Cases involving JUVENILE offenders will be referred to a juvenile intake worker at the Human Services Department. You may call the intake worker to find out if the juvenile has been released. The intake worker will try to contact you with additional information, including your right to discuss the case with the intake worker and to receive notices of court proceedings. You may contact the intake worker for more information about your rights.

CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS

- You have the right to have any recovered stolen or other personal property returned to you by law enforcement agencies as quickly as possible when it is no longer needed for evidence. You may contact Victim/Witness Assistance in the District Attorney's Office for further information.
- You have the right to have restitution ordered by a court. It is important that you gather and keep accurate documentation about your losses.
- You may provide statements concerning the sentencing, disposition or parole of the offender. Contact the Victim/Witness Coordinator in the District Attorney's Office for further information.
- The Crime Victim Compensation Program may be available to help you pay for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses (such as medical bills and lost wages) which directly result from the crime even if there is no arrest or conviction. It is not available for property damage or loss. You may contact the Wisconsin Department of Justice for more information.

If you would like general information about these and other rights that you have as a victim of crime or would like a complete list of victim's rights, please contact the District Attorney's Office.



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THREATS OR INTIMIDATION

- If you are subject to threats or intimidation arising from your case and/or cooperation with law enforcement and prosecuting efforts relating to this crime, contact the Whitewater Police Department. If it is an emergency situation and you are in immediate danger, call 911.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE & VICTIM SERVICES

- If you would like more information on victim assistance and service agencies available in your local area, please contact the County Human Services Department.
- Below you will find phone numbers and addresses of various agencies that may be able to assist you and/or answer questions you have about your case, and rights or services available to you.

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE WISCONSIN CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Who is Eligible?

- An Innocent victim who suffers injury from a crime.
- A dependant or legal representative of an innocent victim who has been killed as a result of a crime.
- A person who is injured while aiding a crime victim or helping a police officer.
- A person who suffers a reaction from the death of a family or household member.
- Persons who are injured in automobile accidents caused by drunk drivers.

WHAT COMPENSATION MAY BE PAID

- The Crime Victim Compensation Program pays up to \$40,000 for certain out of pocket expenses incurred by an eligible victim of crime who suffered a personal injury or death and are not covered by another source (i.e., insurance).
- Losses may include medical expenses, counseling expenses, lost wages, loss of support, replacement costs of clothing, bedding or other property held as evidence, cleaning and securing a crime scene, homemaker services and an additional \$2,000 for funeral expenses
- The Program does not cover property crime
- The victim must not have caused or contributed to the crime and must cooperate with law enforcement officials to be eligible. Other restrictions and eligibility requirements may apply.

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Whitewater Police Department

312 West Whitewater Street Whitewater, WI 53190
(262) 473-0555
Emergency 911

Walworth County District Attorney Victim/Witness Coordinator

Walworth County Courthouse Post Office Box 1001 Elkhorn, WI 53121-1001
(262) 741-7198
<http://www.co.walworth.wi.us>

Walworth County Human Services

Box 1005 Hwy NN Elkhorn, WI 53121
(262) 741-3200
<http://www.co.walworth.wi.us>

Walworth County Jail

(262) 741-4530

Jefferson County District Attorney

Jefferson County Court House Jefferson, WI 53549
(920) 674-7220
<http://www.co.jefferson.wi.us/>

Jefferson County Human Services

N3995 Annex Road Jefferson, WI 53549
(920) 674-3105
(920) 563-9555 - "First Call for Help Line"
<http://www.co.jefferson.wi.us/>

Jefferson County Jail (920) 674-7310

Wisconsin Department of Justice

Office of Crime Victim Services
Post Office Box 7951
Madison, WI 53707-7951
1-800-446-6564 (Victims only)
Local: (608) 264-9497
<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/>

APFV – The Association for Prevention of Family Violence

(262) 723-8367