



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

VICTIMS INFORMATION SHEET

A crime victim has the following rights:

- (1) To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process, and informed of the victim's constitutional rights, provided by statute;
- (2) To be reasonably informed when the accused or convicted person is arrested, released from custody, or has escaped;
- (3) To be informed of and present at any criminal proceedings which are dispositive of the charges where the defendant has the right to be present;
- (4) To be reasonably informed of and be allowed to submit either a written or oral statement at all hearings affecting bond or bail;
- (5) To be heard at any proceeding involving a post-arrest release decision, a plea, or sentencing;
- (6) To be reasonably protected from the accused or persons acting on his behalf throughout the criminal justice process;
- (7) To confer with the prosecution, after the crime against the victim has been charged, before the trial or before any disposition and informed of the disposition;
- (8) To have reasonable access after the conclusion of the criminal investigation to all documents relating to the crime against the victim before trial;
- (9) To receive prompt and full restitution from the person or persons convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the victim's loss or injury including both adult and juvenile offenders;
- (10) To be informed of any proceeding when any post-conviction action is being considered, and be present at any post-conviction hearing involving a post-conviction release decision;
- (11) To a reasonable disposition and prompt and final conclusion of the case;
- (12) To have all rules governing criminal procedure and the admissibility of evidence in all criminal proceedings protect victims' rights and have these rules subject to amendment or repeal by the legislature to ensure protection of these rights.

CRIME VICTIM'S DUTIES

If you choose to exercise your rights as a victim, it is your responsibility to:

- ◆ **Provide the proper agency with your name, address, and phone number;**
- ◆ **Notify the proper agency of any change of address or phone number;**
- ◆ **Notify the court or prosecuting agency of your desire to be present at a trial, plea, or sentencing;**
- ◆ **Notify the court or prosecuting agency before sentencing of your desire to provide an oral statement at sentencing or your desire to submit a written victim impact statement;**
- ◆ **Provide the prosecuting agency with a list of damages and any financial recovery received in order to receive victim restitution.**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

South Carolina Department of Public Safety

District One 1-800-768-1501

Counties: Aiken, Lexington, Richland, Sumter, Lee & Kershaw

District Two 1-800-768-1502

Counties: Abbeville, McCormick, Edgefield, Greenwood, Saluda, Newberry & Laurens

District Three 1-800-768-1503

Counties: Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Greenville & Spartanburg

District Four 1-800-768-1504

Counties: Union, Cherokee, York, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster & Chesterfield

District Five 1-800-768-1505

Counties: Marlboro, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Horry, Williamsburg & Georgetown

District Six 1-800-768-1506

Counties: Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Charleston, Dorchester & Berkeley

District Seven 1-800-768-1507

Counties: Barnwell, Allendale, Hampton, Bamberg, Orangeburg, Calhoun & Clarendon

SOLICITOR'S OFFICES

Each solicitor's office has a victim's assistant who can be a good

source of information and can keep you up-to-date as your case progresses through the criminal court. If a law enforcement victim assistant or other victim assistant has not already contacted you, you might want to call your solicitor's office victim assistant and talk with him or her.

First Circuit

Counties: Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg
Phone: (803) 871-2640

Second Circuit

Counties: Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell
Phone: (803) 642-1557

Third Circuit

Counties: Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg
Phone: (803) 436-2185

Fourth Circuit

Counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon
Phone: (803) 398-4300

Fifth Circuit

Counties: Kershaw, Richland
Phone: (803) 748-4785

Sixth Circuit

Counties: Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield
(803) 377-1141

Seventh Circuit

Counties: Cherokee, Spartanburg
Phone: (864) 596-2575

Eighth Circuit

Counties: Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry
Phone: (864) 942-8800

Ninth Circuit

Counties: Charleston, Berkeley
Phone: (803) 740-5850

Tenth Circuit

Counties: Anderson, Oconee
Phone: (864) 260-4046

Eleventh Circuit

Counties: Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick
Phone: (803) 359-8352

Twelfth Circuit

Counties: Florence, Marion
Phone: (803) 665-3091

Thirteenth Circuit

Counties: Greenville, Pickens
Phone: (864) 467-8647

Fourteenth Circuit

Counties: Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort
Phone: (803) 943-3580

Fifteenth Circuit

Counties: Georgetown, Horry
Phone: (803) 248-1318

Sixteenth Circuit

Counties: Union, York
Phone: (803) 628-3020

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS

Governor's Office

Division of Victim Assistance Compensation
(803) 734-1900 or 1-800-220-5370

Governor's Office: Crime Victim's Ombudsman
(803) 734-0357

SC Attorney General's Office

Victim's Assistance Program
(803) 734-7135 or 1-800-622-8559

SC Department of Corrections

(803) 896-8500 or 1-800-835-0304

SC Department of Juvenile Justice

(803) 253-4050

SC Department of Social Services

(803) 734-6179

SC Department of Probation, Pardon & Parole

1-888-551-4118 or (803) 734-9367

County Offices with Victim Services

Greenville (864) 467-8585

Spartanburg (864) 596-2582

Richland (803) 734-6320

Lexington (803) 359-2551

Florence (803) 665-3063

Charleston (803) 740-1553

SC Victim Assistance Network

(803) 750-1200 or 1-888-852-1900

SC Mothers Against Drunk Drivers

(803) 748-7222 or 1-800-543-8692

Citizens Against Violent Crime

(803) 553-6497

SC Juvenile Parole Board

Victim Services (803) 737-7762 or 1-800-763-0068