

*Justice for Victims.  
Justice for All.*

“Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

“Where a specific duty is assigned by law, and individual rights depend upon performance of that duty, it seems equally clear, that the individual who considers himself injured, has a right to resort to the laws of his country for a remedy.”

Chief Justice John Marshall  
*Marbury v. Madison* (1803)



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For more information about Crime Victim Rights in Illinois, please contact:

Office of the Illinois Attorney General  
Crime Victim Services Division  
100 W. Randolph Street, 13th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601  
1-800-228-3368 (Voice/TTY)  
312-814-7105 (Fax)  
[www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims)

**Automated Victim Notification (AVN) System**  
1-866-5-NOTIFY (1-866-566-8439)  
1-877-502-2423 (TTY)  
[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

**Illinois Department of Corrections Victim Services Unit**  
1-877-776-0755  
1-800-546-0844 (TTY)  
[www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/vicservices/](http://www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/vicservices/)

**Prisoner Review Board**  
1-800-801-9110  
217-782-1617 (TTY)  
[www.state.il.us/prb](http://www.state.il.us/prb)

**CRIME  
VICTIM  
RIGHTS**  
*in Illinois*



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## WHEN YOU REPORT A VIOLENT CRIME

### You have the right to:

- File a claim for financial assistance under the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Act (see [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html) or call 1-800-228-3368).
- Ask police for information about the status of the investigation.

## AFTER THE OFFENDER IS CHARGED

### Talk to the prosecutor about asserting these rights:

#### General Rights

- Right to a statement and explanation of your rights as a crime victim
- Right to prompt disposition after the arrest of the accused
- Right to information about the indictment or juvenile delinquency petition

#### Right to be Notified

- Right to notice of the date, time, and place of the trial \*
- Right to advance notice of all court proceedings and cancellation of court proceedings
- Right to information on social services, financial assistance, and employer intervention
- Right to notice of the release of the defendant \*
- Right to notice of the final case disposition

#### Right to Participate in Prosecution

- Right to be present at all court proceedings
- Right to be present at trial, unless the court determines that your testimony will be affected if you hear the testimony of other witnesses
- Right to have a translator present at all court proceedings
- Right to bring an advocate or support person to all court proceedings, subject to the Rules of Evidence
- Right to retain an attorney
- Right to consultation with the prosecution and consideration of a Victim Impact Statement before plea offer or negotiation
- Right to a non-technical explanation of the plea or verdict
- Right to provide a written or oral Victim Impact Statement at the sentencing hearing
- Right to have your Victim Impact Statement sent to the Prisoner Review Board

#### Right to Protection from Harm

- Right to a secure waiting area during court proceedings, if possible
- Right to have victim advocate personnel help to ensure that your employers cooperate to minimize your loss of pay and benefits resulting from court appearances

#### Right to Restitution

- Right to request the court to order the defendant to pay restitution to cover losses incurred by you (does not cover pain and suffering)
- Right to the prompt return of stolen property

## AFTER THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED

### Talk to the prosecutor about asserting this right:

- Right to notice of an appeal or any post-conviction petition by the defendant.

### Talk to the Prisoner Review Board about asserting these rights:

- Right to notice of the prisoner's release or discharge \*
- Right to a recent photo of the defendant convicted of a felony, upon the defendant's release
- Right to advance notice of the defendant's furlough dates and times
- Right to notice of any escape or reappréhension of the prisoner \*
- Right to advance notice of the parole hearing
- Right to provide a statement or attend the parole hearing
- Right to notice after the prisoner's request for parole has been granted
- Right to notice of the death of the prisoner \*
- Right to notice of the prisoner's request for executive clemency

\* To assert your rights to information about the offender's custodial status, please contact the Automated Victim Notification System at 1-866-566-8439 or 1-877-502-2423 (TTY), or visit [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com).