

# Information For Victims of Crime in Wisconsin

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For arrest, custody, or release information:

### *Adult offenders*

Your County Jail:

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

### *Juvenile Offenders*

Your County

Juvenile Detention:

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

To request notice of legal proceedings and information about victims' rights or to speak with the prosecutor of the case:

### *Adult Offenders*

Your County District

Attorney's Office:

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

### *Juvenile Offenders*

Your County

Juvenile Intake:

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

For information about victim services, including medical services:

Victim Service Referral(s):

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone number

Website

## INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Address  
City, State, Zip  
Phone number

Agency  
Logo

Contact Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wisconsin law provides victims of crime with special rights.

The Wisconsin Constitution (Article I, Section 9m) and Wis. Stat. Chapter 950 give special rights to victims of crime. Some rights are automatic while others must be requested. The rights are listed on the reverse side of this form. Use the information on this form to discuss and clarify your rights with agencies you are in contact with about the case and to make your interests known.

### **Important Reminders for Victims of Crime:**

- The Wisconsin Department of Justice Victim Resource Center can provide you with information about support groups and victim service organizations in your area (call 1-800-446-6564). A directory of services is also available at: [www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs).
- If you are threatened or intimidated by anyone because of your cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution in connection with this crime, you should make a report to the investigating agency. If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.
- It is very important that you keep agencies informed of any changes to your address or phone number.
- It may be helpful to you to keep records of expenses related to the crime (such as lost wages, repairs or medical bills). You may be eligible for crime victims' compensation or restitution may be ordered if someone is convicted of the crime against you. You may be required to provide this information to support your claim.

### **Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Program**

You may be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain expenses related to the crime even if no one is arrested or convicted. To learn more and to obtain a crime victim compensation claim form, contact the Wisconsin Department of Justice at 1-800-446-6564 or P.O. Box 7951, Madison, WI, 53707-7951 or online at: [www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs).

# Crime Victims' Rights in Wisconsin

\* An asterisk (\*) marks those rights which a victim must specifically request.

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY ANY TIME:

- To receive written information from law enforcement, within 24 hours of contact about rights, who to call for custody information regarding the offender and how to get more information about the case.
- To speedy disposition of the case.
- To contact the Department of Justice concerning a victim's treatment (1-800-446-6564) and to seek a review of the complaint by the Crime Victims Rights Board, as provided by law.
- To notice of a decision not to prosecute, if an arrest has been made.
- To notice of a decision to close or dismiss a case or defer prosecution, if the offender is a juvenile.
- To attend court proceedings and to be accompanied by a service representative, as permitted by law
- To request information from a district attorney about the disposition of the case.
- To not be the subject of an officer's or district attorney's order, request, or suggestion that the victim submit to a test using a lie detector if the victim reports having been the victim of a sexual assault.
- To the expeditious return of property when it is no longer needed as evidence.
- To file for Crime Victims Compensation, as provided by law
- To request an order for an offender to submit to a test for sexually transmitted diseases, communicable disease, or HIV test (for certain offenses).

## VICTIM'S RIGHTS THAT APPLY AFTER AN OFFENDER HAS BEEN CHARGED:

- To receive written information from the district attorney regarding the victim's rights and how to exercise them.
- Upon request, the opportunity to communicate with the prosecutor (or intake worker) about the possible outcome of the case, potential plea agreements and sentencing options.\*
- To be notified of the time, date and place of court proceedings, if requested.\*
- To be provided with a waiting area separate from defense witnesses.
- To be notified if charges are dismissed.
- To have the victim's interests considered when the court is deciding whether to grant a continuance or deciding whether to exclude persons from a preliminary hearing.
- To be contacted about the right to make a statement at disposition or sentencing.
- To assistance with an employer about the need to attend court appearances.\*
- To recompense from forfeited bail, as determined by the court pursuant to Wis. Stat. 969.13(5)(a).

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS RELATED TO THE SENTENCING OF THE OFFENDER BY THE COURT:

- To provide a statement to the court, in person or in writing, about the economic, physical and psychological effects of the crime and to have that information considered by the court.
- To be contacted by the person preparing the pre-sentence report (or *court report*, if the offender is a juvenile) to have the impact on the victim included in the report.
- To restitution from a juvenile offender, as permitted by law, and to a civil judgment for unpaid restitution.
- To restitution from an adult offender for any crime considered at sentencing and to a civil judgment for unpaid restitution.

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY AFTER SENTENCING:

- To be provided sentencing or dispositional information, if requested.\*
- To be notified of a conditional release.
- To be provided with notice by the district attorney of a petition for a sentence adjustment and how to file an objection to the petition, as provided by law.
- To be notified by the Department of Corrections of certain releases, escapes, confinements, leave, release of extended supervision and participation in the intensive sanctions program. *If you have questions about receiving notices from the Department of Corrections, call 1-800-947-5777*
- To attend hearings on a petition for a modification of a sentence and to provide a statement.
- To notification from the Department of Health & Family Services concerning discharge, home visits and supervised release of certain offenders.
- To be notified of applications for parole; to provide statements and input concerning parole.
- Upon request, to have the clerk of court send: a copy of an inmate's petition for extended supervision and notice of the hearing on that petition; a copy of a motion for post-conviction DNA testing and notice of any related hearing.\*
- To be notified by the governor of a pardon application and to make a written statement about that application.