

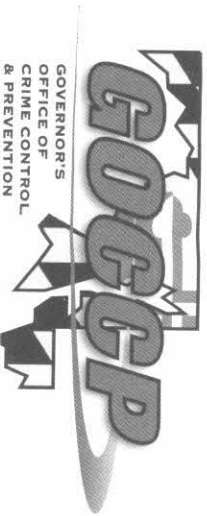


# Board of Victim Services

The Maryland State Board of Victim Services was created by the Maryland General Assembly to address the unique needs of crime victims and to make recommendations for improving state and local crime victim services. To learn more about the State Board go to [www.goccp.maryland.gov](http://www.goccp.maryland.gov).

This pamphlet, published by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, is designed to provide an overview of crime victims' rights and services. For information specific to your case, contact your local law enforcement agency or State's Attorney's Office. For information on services that may be available to help you as you recover from the crime, please refer to the National/Statewide Crime Victim Resources listed on the back of this pamphlet.

Please keep this pamphlet as a reference.



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## CRIME VICTIMS



### AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services

#### MARYLAND

Complain/Incident # \_\_\_\_\_

Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

To obtain a written copy of the incident report, please contact the Records Department of your responding law enforcement agency. Costs may vary. Victims of domestic violence are entitled to a copy of the incident report without charge.

As a victim of crime, Maryland law provides you with specific rights. Know your rights. Know where to receive help.

#### Introduction

Victims of crime have certain rights under Maryland law. This pamphlet provides general information about rights and services available to assist you through the aftermath of the crime and through the often complex criminal justice process.

In addition to personal losses suffered as a result of a criminal act committed against you, the experience may have created stress, fear and confusion. Victim/witness assistance programs and other local victim assistance programs may provide information, support and assistance to victims outside the formal criminal justice process.

#### Help Throughout the Criminal Justice Process

Throughout the criminal justice process, and even after its completion, you may experience physical, emotional or psychological distress as a result of your victimization. This is a normal reaction, and help is available in your community. Please refer to the *National/Statewide Crime Victim Resources* section on the reverse side of this pamphlet.

#### General Victims' Rights

A crime victim is generally defined under Maryland Annotated Code §11-1001(e) of the Criminal Procedure Article as a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a crime.

The definition of a victim may vary depending on the right afforded to that person and the type of crime committed.

#### Maryland Crime Victims' Rights

Under the Maryland Constitution and State laws and guidelines, victims of crime must be:

- Treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity
- Informed of their rights
- Notified of crisis intervention and counseling services
- Notified of domestic violence programs and support groups
- Notified of criminal injuries compensation and other social services available
- Informed on how to apply for services
- Told of protection available to them and how to obtain protection
- Informed by the police or the State's Attorney of the arrest of a suspect and closing of the case
- Notified of court hearings and offender custody status
- Permitted to be present and heard at criminal justice proceedings
- Permitted to seek restitution from their offender(s)
- Permitted to request notice about any DNA profile or report in their case

If you are a victim of crime in Maryland, and need more information about your rights visit, [www.goccp.maryland.gov](http://www.goccp.maryland.gov).

## STATE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

### VINE

"Victim Information and Notification Everyday" (VINE) is a free, anonymous, automated telephone service that provides victims of crime with two important services: information and notification. VINE will provide you with vital court case, custody, parole and probation information for an offender currently involved in the criminal justice system in Maryland.

Toll Free ..... 1-866-634-8463  
Website ..... [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

### MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

The Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (MCICB) was established to provide financial assistance to Maryland crime victims. Under certain conditions, crime victims or surviving family members of deceased victims may be eligible to be reimbursed for their medical, mental health, and/or funeral expenses and/or lost income resulting from a crime. For further information and assistance in filing, please call the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

Toll Free ..... 1-888-679-9347  
Website ..... [www.dpscs.state.md.us](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us)

### Protective Order Only

VINE Protective Orders is a free service that allows petitioner to be notified by telephone or email when a protective order has been served, along with other services.

Toll Free ..... 1-877-846-3420  
Website ..... [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

### Peace and Protective Orders

Peace and protective orders are civil orders issued by a judge or court commissioner to prevent one person from committing certain acts against others. The personal relationship between the respondent and the victim determines which order should be filed. Protective orders generally apply to people in domestic relationships. Peace orders apply to other relationships (dating, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances, strangers).

A petition for protection from domestic violence may be filed in any District Court or Circuit Court in Maryland. If the clerk's office is open, you must file with the clerk. If the clerk's office is closed, file with a District Court Commissioner. To locate a court, look at [www.courts.state.md.us](http://www.courts.state.md.us) or the government pages of your phone book. Some courthouses have on-site programs to assist victims with safety plans and filing for protection. Find your local domestic violence program by contacting the clerk's office or [www.mnadv.org](http://www.mnadv.org). For other help, call 911 or your local law enforcement agency.

## NATIONAL /STATEWIDE CRIME VICTIM RESOURCES

### ◆ Information ◆ Referrals ◆ Legal Assistance ◆ Counseling ◆ Support Groups

#### GENERAL VICTIM SERVICES/REFERRALS AND NOTIFICATION

MD Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

(301) 952-0063  
Toll Free ..... 1-877-VICTIM1  
Website ..... [www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

National Center for Victims of Crime

1-800-FYI-CALL

Website ..... [www.nvcv.org](http://www.nvcv.org)

Pro Bono Counseling Project ..... (410) 323-5800

Toll Free ..... 1-877-323-5800

Website ..... [www.probonocounseling.org](http://www.probonocounseling.org)

First Call for Help or 211 MD ..... (410) 685-0525

Toll Free ..... 1-800-492-0618

TTY ..... (410) 685-2159

Department of Juvenile Services ..... 1-888-639-7499

Website ..... [www.djs.state.md.us](http://www.djs.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General ..... (410) 576-6405

Website ..... [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us)

MD Department of Human Resources

Toll Free ..... 1-800-332-6347

Website ..... [www.dhr.state.md.us](http://www.dhr.state.md.us)

MD Community Services Locator (MDCSL)

Website ..... [www.mdcsll.org](http://www.mdcsll.org)

#### CHILD ABUSE SERVICES

Childhelp

Toll Free ..... 1-800-4-A-CHILD

Website ..... [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

National Domestic Violence Hotline ..... 1-800-799-SAFE

TTY For the Hearing Impaired ..... 1-800-787-3224

MD Network Against Domestic Violence

(301) 352-4574

Toll Free ..... 1-800-MD-HELPS

Website ..... [www.mnadv.org](http://www.mnadv.org)

Maryland Judiciary Family Law Forms

Petitions for Protection

Website: <http://www.courts.state.md.us/family/forms/protectorder.html>

#### DRUNK DRIVING SERVICES

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) (410) 964-5757

Toll Free ..... 1-800-446-6233

Website ..... [www.madd.org/md](http://www.madd.org/md)

#### HOMICIDE SURVIVORS SERVICES & LEGAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide Victims

Toll Free ..... 1-888-818-POMC

Website ..... [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

MD Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

Toll Free ..... 1-877-VICTIM1

Website ..... [www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

#### JUVENILE/SCHOOL VIOLENCE RESOURCES

Department of Juvenile Services

Toll Free ..... 1-888-639-7499

Website ..... [www.djs.state.md.us](http://www.djs.state.md.us)

National School Safety Center

Toll Free ..... 1-805-373-9977

Website ..... [www.schoolsafety.us](http://www.schoolsafety.us)

#### LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. .... (410) 951-7777

Toll Free ..... 1-800-999-8904

Website ..... [www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)

MD Volunteer Lawyers Service

Toll Free ..... (410) 547-6537

Website ..... [www.mvslaw.org](http://www.mvslaw.org)

MD Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc

Toll Free ..... 1-877-VICTIM1

Website ..... [www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

MD Coalition Against Sexual Assault ..... (410) 974-4507

Toll Free ..... 1-800-983-7273

Website ..... [www.mcasaa.org](http://www.mcasaa.org)

Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) ..... (301) 565-2277

Toll Free ..... 1-877-496-SALI

Website ..... [www.mcasaa.org](http://www.mcasaa.org)

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) Hotline ..... 1-800-656-HOPE

Website ..... [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

## STATE CORRECTIONS VICTIM NOTIFICATION

MD Dept. of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Website ..... [www.dpscs.state.md.us](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us)

Division of Correction ..... (410) 585-3331

Toll Free ..... 1-866-606-7789

MD Parole Commission ..... (410)-585-3213

Toll Free ..... 1-877-241-5428

MD Division of Parole & Probation ..... (410) 585-3517

Toll Free ..... 1-877-227-8031

MD Sex Offender Registry

Website ..... [www.socem.info](http://www.socem.info)

## STATE'S ATTORNEYS' OFFICES IN MARYLAND

[www.mdsaa.org](http://www.mdsaa.org)

Allegany County ..... (301) 777-5962

Anne Arundel County ..... (410) 222-1740

Baltimore City ..... (443) 984-6000

Baltimore County ..... (410) 887-6600

Calvert County ..... (410) 535-1600

Ext. 2369

Caroline County ..... (410) 479-0255

Carrroll County ..... (410) 386-2671

Cecil County ..... (410) 996-5335

Charles County ..... (301) 932-3350

Dorchester County ..... (410) 228-3611

Frederick County ..... (301) 600-1523

Garrett County ..... (301) 334-1974

Harford County ..... (410) 638-3500

Howard County ..... (410) 313-2108

Kent County ..... (410) 778-7450

Montgomery County ..... (240) 777-7300

Prince George's County ..... (301) 952-3500

Queen Anne's County ..... (410) 758-2264

St. Mary's County ..... (301)-475-7844

Ext. 4500

Somerset County ..... (410) 651-3333

Talbot County ..... (410) 770-8060

Washington County ..... (240) 313-2000

Wicomico County ..... (410) 548-4880

Worcester County ..... (410) 632-2166