

Exercising Your Rights as a Victim of Crime in Nebraska

The rights afforded to you as a victim of crime can require action by you to ensure your rights are realized.

TIPS TO HELP SAFEGUARD YOUR RIGHTS:

- 1 - Keep your contact information current with agencies involved with the case.
 - Law Enforcement *during the investigation*
 - County Attorney *during court proceedings*
 - NE Probation Office *after conviction, especially before sentencing*
 - NE Board of Parole *if defendant is sentenced to Nebraska Dept. of Corrections*
 - NE Attorney General's Office *if an appeal is filed*You can only be contacted about court events and defendant status if your contact information is on file.

- 2 - Review public records about the case.
 - Contact the Clerk's office for court records - know your case specifics:
 - County Court or District Court
 - Case Number

- 3 - Contact law enforcement or your victim advocate if you are threatened or harmed because of your cooperation in the case.

- 4 - Contact your victim advocate or the Nebraska Crime Commission for information on financial assistance for victims.
 - Victim advocates can also assist with other social services available in your area.

- 5 - Contact the County Attorney for information about availability of witness fees.

For more information and resources near you, visit the NCVC website under the Victim-Witness Programs and Resource Tabs
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Additional information is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese
Victims' Guide to the Nebraska Criminal Justice System
ncc.nebraska.gov/criminal-justice-guide-victims

If You Are A Victim of Crime in Nebraska

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights Information



Balancing the Scales of Justice on Behalf of Crime Victims in Nebraska

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As a Victim of a Crime in Nebraska

You have rights within the criminal justice system, as defined by Nebraska Revised Statutes §81-1846 through §81-1850.

Knowing your rights, and how to exercise them, improves both your experience with the criminal justice system and the justice system's ability to hold those who violate the law accountable.

There are many rights listed in the law. A brief listing of those rights is provided here to help victims of crime be well informed.

NCVC
Wants You
To Know
Your Rights!

Nebraska's Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

A crime victim's rights include:

- 1 - To be informed of the status of felony cases.
- 2 - To be notified whenever the defendant is released from custody.
- 3 - To be notified of scheduled court proceedings.
- 4 - To receive protection from harm, and threats of harm, due to cooperation with criminal justice authorities, and to be informed of the level of protection available.
- 5 - To be informed of financial assistance and social services available, including information on how to apply for such aid.
- 6 - To be provided, whenever possible, a secure waiting area, away from the defendants, during Court proceedings.
- 7 - To have any stolen or personal property promptly returned when no longer needed as evidence.

8 - To be provided with appropriate employer services to ensure that employers cooperate to minimize an employee's loss resulting from court appearances.

9 - To be entitled to a speedy disposition of the case.

10 - To have the family members of homicide victims be given these same rights.

These rights do not apply to all crimes charged within the criminal justice system.

Contact the County Attorney or a nearby victim advocacy program to inquire if these rights apply to you.

Neb.Rev.Stat. §29-119 defines 'victims' who are eligible for these rights.

The information in this brochure is not all-inclusive and is not intended to be legal guidance. For legal advice, please contact an attorney licensed in Nebraska.