

## Mesa County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program

The Mesa County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program has been established to serve all victims regardless of ethnicity, religion, age, gender, financial, or community standing. The program assists victims, witnesses, their families and friends following a traumatic incident or crime. Trained staff and volunteers provide crisis intervention, referrals, follow-up, and explanations of the legal procedures involved.

The Mesa County Sheriff's Office believes in and is committed to protecting the rights of victims. The agency's goals are to assure no victim remains alone or uninformed immediately following a crime or traumatic incident.

**If you have any questions regarding your rights as a victim, please contact the MCSO Victim Assistance Office  
244-3275**

You may qualify for financial assistance through VICTIM COMPENSATION. For further information, contact the District Attorney's Office at 970.244.1632

The Constitution of the State of Colorado guarantee rights to victims of the crimes listed in this pamphlet. If the victim is deceased or incapacitated, these rights are guaranteed to the victim's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, significant other, or other lawful representative.

- Murder or Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide
- Vehicular assault or vehicular homicide
- Assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- Sexual assault on an adult or child
- Unlawful sexual contact
- Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Robbery
- Burglary in the first degree
- Incest
- Child abuse
- Crimes against at-risk adults or at-risk juveniles
- Any crime of domestic violence
- Stalking
- A bias-motivated crime
- Careless driving that results in the death of another person
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident where the accident results in the death of another person
- Retaliation, Tampering, Intimidation of a witness, victim, judge, or juror
- Indecent exposure
- Human Trafficking
- Coercion of Involuntary Servitude
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Child Prostitution
- Soliciting for Child Prostitution
- Procurement of a Child for Sexual Exploitation
- Pimping of a Child
- Inducement of Child Prostitution
- Patronizing a Prostituted Child
- Violation of a protection order against a person charged with committing sexual assault, sexual assault on a child, sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust, or sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist
- Any criminal attempt, any conspiracy, any criminal solicitation, and any accessory to a crime, involving any of the crimes specified

If you are the victim of any of the listed crimes, you have the right to:

**BE INFORMED** of emergency services, compensation, community assistance, services and procedures available to provide protection from harassment, intimidation, and retaliation.

**BE ASSISTED** by law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system.

**BE INFORMED** of important matters relating to your case.

**BE HEARD** in all matters relating to your well being.

**REQUEST** annual notification for cold cases.\*

\*Cold Case means a felony crime reported to law enforcement that has remained unsolved for over one year after the crime was initially reported to law enforcement and for which the applicable statute of limitations has not expired.

**ABOVE ALL, THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT**

(a complete list of Victim's Rights can be found at [222.dcj.state.co.us/ovp](http://222.dcj.state.co.us/ovp))

**Law Enforcement agencies are required to provide the following to victims:**

- Crisis intervention
- Referrals to supportive agencies
- Assistance with application for victim compensation benefits
- Information concerning the status of an investigation
- Accompaniment to court appearances
- Follow-up contact with victims
- Emergency financial assistance, and assistance dealing with creditors
- Translation services
- Legal resources
- Information on protective services
- Speedy return of property after the case is settled and is no longer needed for evidence
- Information about any other rights pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Colorado

**FOR EMERGENCIES-DIAL 911**

**HOSPITALS:**

Community Hospital	242-0920
Family Health West	858-2102
St. Mary's Hospital	298-2273
Veterans' Medical Center	242-0731

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:**

Collbran Marshal	487-3089
Colorado State Patrol	858-2250
Debeque Marshal	283-5475
Fruita Police	858-3008
Grand Junction Police	549-5000
Mesa County Sheriff	244-3500
Palisade Police	464-5601

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE:**

Colorado State Patrol	858-2297
DA -Victim Compensation	244-1730
GJPD Victim Assistance	549-5290
MCSO Victim Assistance	244-3275

**OTHER VICTIM REFERRAL AGENCIES:**

Child Protective Service	242-1211
Colorado Legal Services	243-7940
Pro Bono Project	424-5748
Counseling and Education Center	243-9539
Grand Junction Housing Authority	245-0388
Hilltop Community Resources	242-4400
Hospice and Palliative Care	241-2212
Latimer House Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Line	241-6704
Marillac Clinic	255-1782
Mental Health Crisis Line	245-3270
Mesa County Health Department	248-6922
Mind Springs Hotline	888-207-4004
Missing Children Hotline	800-843-5678
National Runaway Hotline	800-231-6946
Substance Abuse Services	241-6023
Suicide Prevention	241-6022

Deputy \_\_\_\_\_

Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Victim Assistance Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office will attempt to keep you informed. Please make sure law officers investigating your case and the District Attorney's Office know how you can be reached.

**VINE Notification**

When someone is released, transferred, or escaped from custody, you can be notified through the VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) automated telephone service. To be notified you **must register** by calling 1.888.263.8463 or [www.colorado-vine.com](http://www.colorado-vine.com). You may register multiple numbers.

**Request For Compliance**

Colorado law provides that affected persons may enforce compliance with the provisions of the Constitutional Amendment by notifying the Governor's Crime Victim Services Advisory Board. You must first attempt to seek compliance at the local level. This may include but not be limited to:

- Contacting the person you feel has not provided you with your rights, explaining specifically what has not been done.
- Contacting the Elected Official or Head of the Agency you feel is not providing your rights and seeking their assistance in receiving your rights. Contact may be verbal or in writing. Accurate records of your efforts to seek compliance at the local level will be helpful to you and to the committee, should a formal request be filed.
- Seeking assistance from Victim Advocates with whom you have been in contact, or other supportive persons such as your therapist.

If all local efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance by contacting:

State of Colorado, Department of Public Safety  
 Division of Criminal Justice  
 Office for Victim's Programs  
 700 Kipling Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO 80215  
 FAX 303-239-5743 / Phone 303-239-5719  
 Toll-Free 1-888-282-1080

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## The Rights of Victims



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