

CRIME VICTIMS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

LEARN ABOUT OUR
BUREAU OF VICTIM SERVICES

Victims' Rights

Victims have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. As a victim of crime or a family member of a victim, you have many rights throughout the criminal justice process, some of which are listed below. **These rights are yours, but for many of them, you must request, or complete paperwork before they will be honored.** Victims and survivors have the right to:

- Be informed of the status of their cases, including investigation, arrest, and prosecution of the suspects.
- Have your names kept confidential if you are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, stalking, or a hate crime.
- Have a support person in court when you testify.
- Receive court orders telling defendants to stop harming or harassing them.
- Reasonable notice of all court proceedings.
- Attend all court proceedings.
- Speak to the prosecutor.
- Be heard in court if something is happening that is affecting your rights.
- Tell the judge about the crime's impact on you or your family at the time of sentencing.
- The return of your property.
- Have the judge order restitution for all crime-related losses when the defendant is convicted.
- Be notified of all post-sentencing matters including appeal status, parole hearings and/or release dates, and to participate in all parole hearings. A victim services representative can assist in requesting these notifications. For notification, you need to complete a CDCR 1707 form.
- Be notified if the defendant is released from Los

Angeles County jail custody or California State Prison.

For Jails: Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) provides automatic notification to victims who have registered when a suspect is released from custody. Call **(877) VINE-4-LA ((877) 846-3452)** to register for notification. Victims must re-register if the defendant is sentenced to state prison.

For Prison: To receive notification about anyone incarcerated at a California State Prison, CDCR's 1707 form must be completed. This form can be downloaded or completed online at this website: cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services/application/.

Additional information on victims' constitutional rights is available in the Marsy's Law pamphlet: da.lacounty.gov/marsys-law.

Direct Victim Services

The District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services is available in courthouses and police stations to assist victims and their families. Victim services representatives assist victims with emergency needs, counseling resources and referrals, restitution orders, return of personal property, orientation to the criminal justice system, court escort and support, and information on the status of filed cases. Victim services representatives assist victims of violence or the threat of violence in applying for compensation for crime-related losses from the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB).

Victim services representatives are specially trained to help child victims as well as elder victims, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and victims with disabilities. Representatives are available to assist victims in several languages. All services are free. Please call the Bureau of Victim Services at **(800) 380-3811**.

Information for Undocumented Victims and Survivors

Victims are not required to be in legal immigration status to request services. Under federal law, certain undocumented crime victims who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse are eligible to apply for the U nonimmigrant status visa (U Visa). For a list of local nonprofit agencies that assist victims with the U visa and T visa application process, please visit da.lacounty.gov/victims/uvisa/uvisa-tvisa-assistance-agencies.

California Victim Compensation Board

Who may be eligible for compensation?

- Victims of crimes of violence or threats of violence, whether or not a criminal case is filed.
- Family members or cohabitants of the victim, including those dependent on the victim for financial support.
- Anyone who pays the funeral or burial expenses of a deceased victim.
- A qualified primary caretaker of a minor victim.
- Child witnesses to any crime of violence.

Requirements:

- An application must be filed within seven years of the crime.
- Victims must not have participated in the crime.
- Victims must cooperate with law enforcement and prosecution.

Covered Expenses:

- Medical, dental, and hospital expenses.
- Mental health counseling.
- Relocation.
- Funeral and burial costs.
- Crime scene cleanup.
- Loss of wages or support.
- Job retraining and rehabilitation.
- Home security installation.

To receive reimbursement, the CalVCB requires losses to be crime related. Reimbursement amounts may vary, for updated information, please visit victims.ca.gov. Other sources of reimbursement, such as insurance, must be used first. CalVCB cannot pay any expenses incurred while a victim is on parole, probation, or post-release community supervision for a violent felony, or while incarcerated or required to register as a sex offender. For more information on the CalVCB, call toll-free **(800) 777-9229**. You also may access program information at victims.ca.gov or by writing to CalVCB, P.O. Box 3036, Sacramento, CA 95812-3036.

The District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services can assist crime victims with applying for services from CalVCB. For more information on applications that have been submitted or to follow up on an application, please call the Bureau of Victim Services' Claims Verification Unit at **(800) 492-5944**.



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Helping Crime Victims Become Survivors

For Counseling Referrals



For Crisis Intervention



For Case Status Notification



For Emergency Assistance



For Restitution Assistance



For Court Escort



Victim Centers

Hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

Central - Los Angeles (Downtown)

..... (213) 974-7490

210 W. Temple St., Rm. 12-514

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Special Units

Elder Abuse (213) 257-2304

Family Violence (213) 257-2172

Gang Homicide..... (213) 257-2034

Human Trafficking..... (213) 257-2076

Realignment Victim Services Program

/ Post-Conviction Proceedings..... (213) 974-4110

Sex Crimes..... (213) 257-2054

Victim Services K-9 Unit (213) 952-2672

Victims' Rights Assistance..... (213) 893-7899

Airport..... (310) 727-6516

1701 S. La Cienega Blvd., Ste. 601

Los Angeles, CA 90045

Alhambra (626) 308-5417

150 W. Commonwealth Ave.

Alhambra, CA 91801

Antelope Valley (661) 974-7716

42011 4th St. W., Rm. 3530 (661) 974-7717

Lancaster, CA 93534

Compton..... (310) 603-7574

200 W. Compton Blvd., Rm. 704A (310) 603-7538

Compton, CA 90220

Special Unit

Compton Gang Homicide

Advocacy Services (310) 603-7127

East Los Angeles Juvenile (323) 780-2045

4848 E. Civic Center Way, Rm. 201

Los Angeles, CA 90022

El Monte (Rio Hondo)..... (626) 575-5565

11234 E. Valley Blvd., Rm. 110

El Monte, CA 91731

Inglewood (310) 419-6764

1 Regent St., Rm. 405

Inglewood, CA 90301

Long Beach..... (562) 247-2068

275 Magnolia Ave., Ste. 3195 (562) 247-2069

Long Beach, CA 90802

Special Unit

Elder Abuse Advocacy Services (562) 247-2067

Juvenile Advocacy Services (562) 247-2034

Norwalk..... (562) 807-7230

12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 201 (562) 807-7464

Norwalk, CA 90650

Pasadena..... (626) 356-5783

300 E. Walnut St., Rm. 103 (626) 356-5727

Pasadena, CA 91101

Pomona (909) 716-4133

400 Civic Center Dr., Rm. 201 (909) 716-4140

Pomona, CA 91766

San Fernando (818) 898-2406

900 3rd St., 3rd Fl. (818) 898-2799

San Fernando, CA 91340

Torrance..... (310) 222-3599

825 Maple Ave., Rm. 190

Torrance, CA 90503

Van Nuys..... (818) 464-5234

6230 Sylmar Ave., Rm. 201 (818) 464-5233

Van Nuys, CA 91401

West Covina (Citrus)..... (626) 813-3220

1427 W. Covina Pkwy., Rm. 105

West Covina, CA 91790

Victim Sites at Law Enforcement Agencies

LAPD Central Division (213) 974-6873

251 E. 6th St.

Los Angeles, CA 90014

LAPD Hollywood Division (323) 871-1184

1358 N. Wilcox Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90028

LAPD Rampart Division (213) 483-6731

1401 W. 6th St.

Los Angeles, CA 90017

LAPD South Bureau Homicide (323) 786-5151

7600 S. Broadway

Los Angeles, CA 90003

LAPD Southeast Division (323) 972-1021

145 W. 108th St., Rm. 107

Los Angeles, CA 90061

LAPD Southwest Division (626) 514-1254

1546 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90062

LASD Santa Clarita (661) 287-5633

26201 Golden Valley Rd.

Santa Clarita, CA 91350

LASD West Hollywood (310) 358-4057

780 N. San Vicente Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90069

LASD Homicide Bureau..... (323) 890-5656

1 Cupania Cir.

Monterey Park, CA 91755

LASD Special Victims Bureau

Whittier..... (562) 946-8233

11515 Colima Rd.

Whittier, CA 90604

Antelope Valley..... (661) 471-1515

1010 W. Avenue J

Lancaster, CA 93534

LASD South Los Angeles..... (323) 820-6860

1310 W. Imperial Hwy.

Los Angeles, CA 90044

Los Angeles City Attorney

Victim Assistance Program

Advocates..... (213) 978-2097

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Bureau of Victim Services

da.lacounty.gov/victims

(800) 380-3811