



OUR MISSION

The New Mexico Victim's Rights Project is dedicated to providing education and enforcement of crime victims' constitutional rights. The Project is available to assist all victims of violent crime.

The goal of the Victim's Rights Project is to help victims meet their legal, financial and emotional needs through:
pro bono legal counsel;
assistance with information and case tracking;
representation at court hearings; assistance with victim impact statements and referral to other victim resources.

The Victim's Rights Project can assist you with asserting and enforcing your rights as a victim of crimes in New Mexico.

AFTER THE SENTENCE

- ▶ You have the right to be notified of any motions to reconsider the sentence, appeals, escape, or release.
- ▶ You have the right to have your property returned, unless there are compelling reasons for retaining it.
- ▶ You may be able to have your restitution order turned into a civil order for collection.
- ▶ You have the right to request a restitution hearing (if restitution was ordered) and needed.

PROTECTING & ENFORCING VICTIM'S RIGHTS

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YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS AS A VICTIM OF CRIME

- ▶ Right to be Treated with Fairness and Respect for your Dignity and Privacy.
- ▶ Right to Timely Disposition
- ▶ Right to be Protected from the Accused.
- ▶ Right to Notification of Court Proceedings.
- ▶ Right to Attend All Public Proceedings.
- ▶ Right to Confer with the Prosecution.
- ▶ Right to be Heard.
- ▶ Right to Restitution.
- ▶ Right to Information about conviction, sentencing, escape, or release.
- ▶ Right to have Employer Notified, if Requested.
- ▶ Right to have Property Returned.
- ▶ Right to be Informed of Meritorious Deductions in Offenders' Sentence.

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Your immigration status should NOT affect your access to the criminal justice system.

NM VICTIM'S RIGHTS

You should be notified if an arrest has been made. After an arrest of the accused you have the following rights:

- ▶ Request to be notified about any release hearing(s) of the accused.
- ▶ Tell the judge about your safety concerns at any pre-trial release hearing(s).
- ▶ Be protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- ▶ Attend any court hearings the accused can attend.
- ▶ Ask for a letter to be written (by the prosecutor) to your employer to enable you to take time off to attend the criminal proceedings.
- ▶ Request to participate in the New Mexico Confidential Address Program (Safe At Home). You may apply through domestic violence, sexual assault program, or the Secretary of State's office.
- ▶ Assert your right to timely disposition of your case.
- ▶ You have the right to be treated with fairness and respect for your dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- ▶ The right to restitution.

You are entitled to notice of each hearing and to make a statement at certain hearings.

YOUR RIGHTS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

- ▶ **RIGHT TO NOTIFICATION** The court should give at least 7 working days' notice to the prosecutor's office in order to give you timely notice of scheduled hearings.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO PRIVACY** Past sexual behavior is usually not discussed in court. Request that there be no media coverage of sex offense proceedings.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO CONFER** If a plea agreement is discussed, the prosecutor should discuss it with you prior to agreeing to it with the accused.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO BE HEARD** You have the right to express your views at sentencing or a plea hearing, in person or in writing. Anything written you provide to the pre-sentence author will be given to the prosecutor as well as the defense attorney.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO RESTITUTION** You have the right to restitution for your loss of income, expenses, and property loss or damage resulting from the crime. Always save your receipts and tell the prosecutor and the judge you want restitution.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO BE INFORMED** You have the right to be informed about the 'meritorious' deductions.
- ▶ **RIGHT TO BE INFORMED** You have the right to information about the sentencing, imprisonment, escape or release of the offender.

You may want to utilize the Victim's Rights Project attorney to help you assert and protect your Constitutional Rights. Our services are free and limited to the criminal and juvenile justice system.