

Important Telephone Numbers:

Victim Outreach Incorporated (VOI)

24-Hour Hotline 303-202-2196

Police Dispatch Non-Emergency Numbers:

Arvada Police 720-898-6900
Colorado School of Mines 303-273-3333
Edgewater Police 303-235-0500
Golden Police 303-384-8045
Lakeside Police 303-455-1980
Morrison Police 303-697-4810
Mountain View Police 303-425-1748
Wheat Ridge Police 303-237-2220

Jefferson County Information

District Attorney's Office 303-271-6800
Victim/Witness Unit 303-271-6840
Jail Inmate Information 303-271-5445
Jail Website Inmate Information:
<http://jeffco.us/wil/>
Crime Victim Compensation 303-271-6846

Adams County Information

District Attorney's Office - Victim/Witness Unit: 303-655-3824
Jail Inmate Information: 303-655-3495
Jail Website Inmate Information:
<http://apps.adcogov.org/sheriff/inmatelookup/index.cfm>
Crime Victim Compensation 303-835-5659

Números Importantes de Teléfono:

Servicios de la Raza

Si usted fue una victima de crime, usted tiene derechos tambien. Para informacion sobre recursos en su comunidad y de los derechos de victimas.

Llame a Servicios de la Raza:
303-458-5851

Para informacion del estado de un caso, preguntele a Servicios de comunicarse con El Centro de Victim Outreach en: 303-202-2196.

Important Information

Police Department: _____

Officer's Name: _____

Case #: _____

VOI Victim Advocate: _____



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Information for Victims of Crime and Trauma



Provides comprehensive assistance to citizens and their families during trauma recovery and the subsequent criminal justice process.

Crisis and Trauma

A **crisis reaction is a normal reaction** to an abnormal event. The sort of events that can cause serious distress can include involvement in or witnessing of:

- Personal trauma, such as abuse, sexual assault, robbery or burglary;
- Suicide, severe injury, sudden death (by accident, homicide or natural causes) of family or friends;
- Events that happen to the person's community, such as fire, flood, terrorism.

When something happens that threatens our safety our body reacts automatically so that we can either escape from the danger or fight it to protect ourselves. Reactions initially include an increased heart rate and breathing rate, and muscle tension. Some victims of crime second guess their response, and upon reflection, may wish they'd done something different with the thought that the outcome may have been different. It is important to remember that response to danger is not governed by the thinking part of our brain. Our bodies react automatically to escape from danger.

What you may experience

Everyone reacts differently after they witness or are involved in a traumatic event. Most reactions are normal and help people come to terms with what has happened. Reactions can occur immediately, after a time, intensely or hardly at all. Such differences in response may be related to different past experiences, different levels of current support from family or friends. Reactions may also be related to situational, mental or physical health issues that the person is dealing with.

Common reactions can include:

- Emotional reactions (fear, anger, guilt, grief, avoidance, depression, anxiety, over-sensitivity)
- Mental reactions (confusion, poor memory, difficulty concentrating, nightmares, intrusive thoughts or visual images);
- Physical reactions (headaches, fatigue, dizziness, loss of appetite or stomach problems, being easily startled, hyper vigilance);
- Behavioral reactions (sleep problems, isolation, restlessness)
- Children may become clingy, withdrawn or angry, have regressive behavior such as thumb sucking or bedwetting, or overreact to minor hurts.

Helping yourself

If your reactions become too difficult to tolerate or don't subside within a couple of weeks, you may need additional support. You may contact your victim advocate to discuss and receive referrals. In the meantime, it is important to take care of yourself.

- The need for comfort is a basic human response. Seek the company of someone you who cares about you and won't be judgmental;
- Talk about your experience with someone you trust. Unspoken thoughts have the ability to become bigger issues that they really are;
- Don't be hard on yourself;
- Structure in your life can lessen stress. Try to attend your regular activities;
- Eat healthy foods, drink water and get some mild exercise, like walking.

VOI Services

The time-period immediately following a traumatic act can be confusing and frightening. VOI advocates will assist you with emotional support, immediate needs and relevant information. They will help arrange for a variety of support services to help meet your basic needs in the aftermath of a traumatic and/or criminal act. Services are offered at the time of crisis and throughout the criminal justice process.

Services include but are not limited to:

- 24-hour crisis hotline response;
- Education about the impact of trauma and coping mechanisms;
- Referrals to community resources;
- Assistance with the application for Crime Victim's Compensation;
- Help with locating shelter, financial assistance, and/or other resources;
- Liaison to police and DA's Office
- Information about criminal justice process, crime victim's rights as afforded by the Colorado Constitution and advocacy for those rights;
- Third party mediation (employer, landlord, service providers or family);
- On-going criminal justice support.

Crime Victim Compensation

Crime Victim Compensation, a fund that assists victims of crime, offers financial assistance with counseling and repair or replacement of doors/locks/windows due to a crime. Your Victim Advocate can assist you with information about the program as well as applying for compensation.



*Promoting the healing
of people impacted
by crime and trauma*

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**IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS
HAVE NOT BEEN UPHELD**

- Contact the person you feel has not provided you with your rights and explain what has not been done;
- Seek assistance from your victim advocate or counselor;
- Seek assistance from an official of the agency you feel is not providing your rights.

If you are unable to resolve your issues, Colorado state law provides that affected persons may enforce compliance with the provisions of the Constitutional Amendment by notifying the Governor's Victims' Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee:

*Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of Criminal Justice
Office for Victims' Program
700 Kipling St., Ste. 1000
Denver, CO 80215-5865
303-239-4442
1-888-282-1080 Toll Free*

VICTIM SERVICES

Police-based Victim Advocates will help you understand the criminal justice process and assist you in gaining information or offering input about your case. You can reach a victim advocate by calling the law enforcement agency to which the crime was reported. Advocates also have information and resources to assist you with:

- Crisis Intervention/Safety Planning
- Locating Emergency Resources
- Education about Trauma and Coping
- Information about Case Status, Restraining Orders and the Criminal Justice System
- Application for Crime Victim Compensation
- Referrals to Counseling, Legal and Community Resources
- Employer Intervention
- Translation Services
- Restitution

**IF THE DEFENDANT HAS
BEEN ARRESTED**

Jefferson County does not use a bond schedule for the setting of bond. All defendants will be held on a "no bond hold" until seeing a Judge at an Advisement hearing. (Some exceptions for very minor crimes may occur.) Judges will set a bond amount and bond conditions at the Advisement hearing. During the week, Advisement hearings are set for 10:00 a.m., Monday – Friday, except court holidays, in the County Court Duty Division courtroom. On weekends, Advisement hearings are held Saturday at 1:00 pm, except on a three day (Monday holiday) weekend, in which the hearing will be held on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Victims may attend the Advisement Hearing and address bond during the weekdays only. If you would like to be present, please notify the DA's Victim Witness Unit 303-271-6550 and they will assist you with where to go and with offering your input on bond. If you do not wish to appear, but would like to offer input on bond, you may notify the police-based victim advocate with whom you are working.

You will be notified by mail by the Office of the District Attorney of future critical stages as they are scheduled.

JAIL RELEASE NOTIFICATION

If you would like notification of the defendant's release contact Jail Inmate Information.

Jefferson County: 303-271-5445
Adams County: 303-655-3495

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

For specific charges or questions concerning the prosecution of your case:

Jefferson/Gilpin Counties' District Attorney's
Victim Witness Unit:
500 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80401-6020
303-271-6550 TTY: 303-271-6909

Adams County District Attorney's
Victim Witness Unit:
1000 Judicial Center Drive, Ste. 100
Brighton, CO 80601
303-659-7735

*Please inform the DA's Victim/Witness Unit
Of phone number and address changes.*

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
VICTIM SERVICES UNITS**

Arvada Police Department	720-898-6900
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Black Hawk Police Department	303-582-0503
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-582-5926
Broomfield Police Department	303-438-6400
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-438-6429
Central City Police Department	303-582-5519
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-582-5926
Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4400
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-273-1618
Colorado School of Mines	303-273-3333
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Edgewater Police Department	303-235-0500
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Gilpin County Sheriff	303-582-1060
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-582-5926
Golden Police Department	303-384-8045
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Jefferson County Sheriff	303-277-0211
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-271-5339
Lakeside Police Department	303-455-1980
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Lakewood Police Department	303-987-7111
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-987-7191
Morrison Police Department	303-697-4810
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Mountain View Police Department	303-425-1748
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196
Red Rocks Police Department	303-914-6394
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-987-7191
Westminster Police Dept.	303-658-2400
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-658-4210
Wheat Ridge Police Department	303-237-2220
<i>Victim Advocate</i>	303-202-2196

NOTES

**The Rights of Victims
of Crime**

The First Judicial District



**Police and
Sheriff Departments**

**Adams, Jefferson and Gilpin
Counties**

Victims of certain crimes have rights guaranteed by the Colorado Constitution. Those rights and the crimes to which they attach are identified in this brochure. Information about resources and support services is also included.

VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT

The Constitution of the State of Colorado and the laws of this state guarantee certain rights to victims of these criminal acts:

- Murder, manslaughter, homicide
- Vehicular homicide, vehicular assault
- Assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- Sexual assault on an adult or child
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Robbery
- Incest
- Child Abuse
- Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles
- Crimes involving domestic violence
- Careless driving resulting in death
- Hit and run resulting in death
- Harassment by stalking
- Ethnic intimidation
- Retaliation, Intimidation or Aggravated Intimidation against a victim or witness
- Tampering with a witness or victim
- Indecent Exposure
- Violation of a protection order issued against a person charged with committing sexual assault
- Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification
- Human Trafficking
- Retaliation against judge, juror or prosecutor
- First degree burglary
- Crimes involving Child Prostitution
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in SBI
- Posting a private image for harassment or pecuniary gain

SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

- To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity
- To be informed of and present at all critical stages of the criminal justice process
- To be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse and informed about what steps can be taken if there is intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of the crime, or anyone acting their behalf
- To notification of any change in the status of the accused
- To be heard at any court proceeding that involves a bond reduction or modification, acceptance of a negotiated plea agreement or sentencing, or any modification of sentence
- To have restitution ordered and be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime
- To the release of property after the case is settled and it's no longer needed as evidence
- To notification of all case dispositions including appeals
- To timely notification of all court dates
- To employer intercession
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services
- To be informed of all processes for enforcing compliance
- To be informed of the results of any HIV
- At the discretion of the district attorney, the victim has the right to view all, or a portion of, the pre-sentence report of the probation department testing that is ordered and performed
- To have criminal justice representatives make all reasonable efforts to exclude or redact the victim's social security number
- To notification of how to request protection of the victim's address
- To be informed about the existence of a criminal protection order and how to request modification of such order

- To receive a free copy of the initial incident report (release is at the discretion of the law enforcement agency)
- To receive a copy of the Victim Impact Statement from the District Attorney
- If a victim contacts a criminal justice agency regarding a crime that occurred before 1993, and the offender who committed the crime is currently serving a sentence for the crime, the victim may request notification of any future critical stages
- To be notified by the district attorney of a hearing concerning a petition for sealing of records
- Victims incarcerated or held at the Division of Youth Corrections have the right to be heard by telephone during identified critical stages
- To be informed of any request for progression from the state mental health hospital on behalf of a person in its custody as a result of a criminal case involving the victim, and the right to be heard at any hearing which a court considered such a request. "Request for progression" includes any request for off-grounds or unsupervised privileges, community placement, conditional release, unconditional discharge or a special furlough
- To be informed of the results of a probation revocation hearing
- To be informed of the results of a parole revocation hearing
- To be informed of the decision the Governor's decision to commute or pardon a person convicted of a crime against the victim before such information is publicly disclosed

If the victim is deceased or incapacitated, these rights are guaranteed to the victim's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, significant other or lawful representative.

CRITICAL STAGES

- Filing of charges
- Preliminary hearing
- Bond reduction or modification hearing
- Arraignment
- Motions hearings
- Disposition hearings
- Trial
- Sentencing hearings
- Post sentencing hearings including the decision to conduct post-conviction DNA testing to establish the actual innocence of a person convicted of a crime against a victim. The results of such testing and future court hearings as a result of the testing are included.
- Subpoena for records concerning a victims medical history, mental health, education or crime victim compensation claim
- Appellate review
- Modifications of sentence - restricted
- Probation revocation
- A change of venue for probation supervision
- A warrant issued by probation
- Request for early termination from probation or community corrections
- Attack on judgement or conviction
- A hearing on expungement of juvenile records
- A parole hearing
- Parole release or discharge from prison
- Parole revocation hearing
- Execution of an offender in a capital case
- Transfer to/placement in a non-secure facility or a non-residential status
- Transfer, release or escape from a state hospital
- Petitions by sex offenders to cease registration
- Full Parole Board Hearing
- Resentencing following a probation revocation hearing and request for early termination of probation