

# CRIME VICTIMS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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## 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 suspect/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 **1-877-VINE-4-LA (1-877-846-3452)** 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 - **<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services/application/>**.

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

## 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 and 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.

Victim services representatives are specially trained to help child 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 and there is no legal residency requirement.

## 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 **<http://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 three 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 California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) requires losses to be crime-related. Reimbursement amounts may vary, for updated information, please visit **<http://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 **<http://victims.ca.gov>** or by writing to CalVCB, P.O. Box 3036, Sacramento, CA 95812-3036.

The District Attorney's Office 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

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 .....213-257-2173

Financial/Fraud and Cyber Crimes ..... 213-257-2443

Community Violence Reduction .....213-257-2034

Hate and Target Crimes .....213-974-1636

Juvenile Advocacy Services

    Long Beach .....562-247-2034

    South County .....562-940-8818

Victim Services K-9 Unit .....213-952-2672

Lifer and Post-Conviction Proceedings ....213-974-4110

Realignment Program .....213-893-7899

Human Sex Trafficking Section .....213-974-2039

Sex Crimes.....213-257-2054

Victims' Rights Assistance.....213-974-9882

**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. West, Rm. 3530

661-974-7717

Lancaster, CA 93534

**Compton**.....310-603-7579

200 W. Compton Blvd., Rm. 700

310-603-7538

Compton, CA 90220

### Special Unit

Compton Community Violence Reduction 310-603-7127

**East Los Angeles**.....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

One 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

Human Trafficking .....562-247-2067

**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 Third St., 3rd Floor

818-898-2799

San Fernando, CA 91340

**Torrance**.....310-222-3599

825 Maple Ave., Rm. 190

Torrance, CA 90503

**Van Nuys**.....818-464-5233

6230 Sylmar Ave., Rm. 201

818-464-5234

Van Nuys, CA 91401

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

1427 West Covina Pkwy., Rm. 105

West Covina, CA 91790

## Victim Sites

### at Law Enforcement Agencies

**LAPD Central Division** .....213-974-7490

251 E. Sixth 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. Sixth 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** .....323-296-8645

1546 Martin Luther King Blvd.,

Los Angeles, CA 90062

**LASD Santa Clarita** .....661-287-5633

26201 Golden Valley Road,

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 Circle,

Monterey Park, CA 91755

**LASD Special Victims Bureau (Whittier)**

.....562-946-8233

11515 Colima Road,

Whittier, CA 90604

**LASD Special Victims Bureau (Antelope Valley)**

.....661-471-1515

1010 W. Avenue J,

Lancaster, CA 93534

**LASD South Los Angeles**.....323-820-6860

1310 W. Imperial Highway,

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

<http://da.lacounty.gov/victims>

**1-800-380-3811**