

Victim's Rights

Kansas Crime Victims Bill of Rights (K.S.A. 74-7333)

1. Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and with respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
2. Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they suffered.
3. Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in a civil cause of action, the crime victims compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanisms to obtain such remedies should be made available to victims.
4. Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of proceedings.
5. The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the criminal process.
6. When the personal interests of victims are affected, the views or concerns of the victim should, when appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure, be brought to the attention of the court.
7. Measures may be taken when necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
8. Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose.
9. Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological and social assistance through existing programs and services.
10. Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

[Johnson County Victim's Assistance Office](#): Part of the Johnson County District Attorney's Office, this unit can assist victims with information on criminal restitution, protection orders, and other resources as well as outlining [Child Victim Rights](#). You can also contact them at 913-715-3004.

Shelters/community resources for victims of domestic violence (DV) and sexual assaults:

Police Emergency 9-1-1	Safehome, Inc. 24-hour DV hotline 913-262-2868	MOCSA Sexual assault crisis support 86-531-0233	Johnson County DA's Victim Assistance Unit 913-715-3004
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Johnson County Mental Health 913/782-2100	Dept. Children & Families 913-826-7300	Legal Aid 913-621-0200
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Statewide Resources

Lawyer Referral 1-800-928-3111	Child Protection Report Abuse Center 1-800-922-5330	Crime Victims' Information and Referral 1-800-828-9745	Elder Protection Abuse Report Center Hotline (24 hr.) 1-800-922-5330
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Identity Theft Resources

After contacting police, file a complaint for Identity Theft with the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#).

Check your bank statements and balances.

Contact the credit reporting agencies:

Equifax

www.equifax.com

1-800-525-6285

Experian

www.experian.com

1-800-397-3742

TransUnion

www.transunion.com

1-800-680-7289

ABOUT YOUR CASE

- Sexual assault victims will **NOT** incur out-of-pocket expenses for forensic medical exams.
- A person who was arrested may be released on bond or some other form of release. You should not rely upon an arrest as a guarantee of safety. In some cases, the person arrested may be released from custody in a short amount of time. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office offers a victim notification system (VINE). You can register to be notified when the arrested person is released from detention at this [website](#).
- By law some information about the details of the crime are public information. **Law enforcement agencies have no control over what public information is utilized by news media.**
- After investigating your case, law enforcement presents its evidence to the District Attorney's Office who determines if formal charges will be filed against the suspect. If you learn information that would be of further help to the law enforcement agency that responded to your call for assistance, please call the police department where you made your initial report.
- Kansas law requires an arrest be made for the certain violations of the law under some circumstances. **The prosecution of these charges is the decision of the District Attorney's Office.** In domestic violence case, the District Attorney's Office bases their decision to file or not to file on the facts of the incident rather than the victim's wishes. **Please keep in mind that YOU MUST COOPERATE FULLY with law enforcement, the prosecutor's office and the court in order to obtain victim compensation for medical and counseling bills and or/time lost from work as a result of the incident.**
- Please keep records of any expenses you incur as a result of this incident and present them to the Assistant District Attorney assigned to your case. If convicted, the suspect may be ordered to pay restitution to you.
- If you are threatened by anyone – including the suspect – or have reason to be afraid about your involvement in this case, call the **police** immediately. If you are coerced by anyone not to cooperate with authorities, please call the attorney assigned to your case at 715-3000. **Emergency after hours, call: 911.**