



PENNSYLVANIA CRIME VICTIMS

Your Local Service Agencies and How They Can Help You

Victim/Witness Assistance

For victims of crimes committed by an adult offender (age 18 and over), this office can provide you with information on your rights and how they can help you.

**Delaware County
Victim Services
610-891-4227**

Juvenile Court Victim/Witness Assistance

This agency can provide you information on victims' rights and services when the offender is under age 18 in the juvenile justice system and community.

**Delaware County Juvenile Court
Victim Services
610-891-4723**

Domestic Violence

In addition to counseling, legal and medical advocacy, emergency shelter, and safety planning, this organization can help you file a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order. A PFA is a court order issued by a judge that can help provide protection to you and your children from an abusive person. Because filing a PFA can be different in each county, it is important for you to contact your local organization cited here. A hotline service is also available 24/7.

**Domestic Abuse Project of
Delaware County
610-565-4590**

Sexual Assault

Services are available to all victims of sexual violence, including female and male victims who are adults, teens, or children. Crisis and support counseling is available for sexual assault victims, family members, and others close to the victim. Counseling is available both in person and on the telephone. An advocate will provide accompaniment to the hospital, police, and court proceedings and assist in navigating the medical and criminal justice systems. Hotline and accompaniment services are available 24-hours a day.

**Delaware County
Women Against Rape
610-566-4342**

**Family Support Line
610-891-5275**

MADD-DUI

This agency can provide you counseling, support, information, and referral services for victims of DUI crashes and their families.

**MADD - Southeastern Affiliate
610-825-4902**

Child Abuse

This agency can provide you counseling, information, and referral services for abused and neglected children and their families.

**Delaware County Children & Youth
Abuse & Neglect Services 610-713-2000
Sexual Abuse Services 610-891-5258**

Elder Abuse

This agency can provide you counseling, shelter, and protective services for older victims and their families.

**Senior Victim Services Inc.
610-627-2292**

POLICE DEPARTMENT Haverford Township Police

VICTIM SERVICES Delaware Co 610-891-4227

INCIDENT NUMBER _____

DA OFFICE Delaware County 610-891-4161

OFFICER NAME _____ **610-853-1298**

DATE _____



Victim Advocate and Available Services

The following information provides general information on your rights as a crime victim and services available to assist you through the aftermath of the crime. A victim advocate is available to help you know and understand your rights, connect you to available services such as counseling, and assist you in applying for financial assistance with medical bills and other expenses. Because your case may involve interaction with many state and local agencies, an advocate will provide you with support and guidance as well as help you understand the legal system and what happens next in the process.

Victims Compensation Assistance Program

You may be eligible to receive financial help with expenses directly related to the crime (e.g., medical and counseling expenses, loss of earnings, loss of support, stolen cash, relocation, funeral or crime scene clean-up). A compensation form is attached.

Offender Release Notification

You can register to receive free, automatic, confidential notifications regarding your offender while he/she is under the supervision of county jails, state prisons, or state parole. To learn more

and to register, call 1-866-9PA-SAVIN (1-866-972-7284).

Court Notifications

If the crime in which you were a victim is being prosecuted by the district attorney's office and you would like to be notified as the case moves through the system, please inform your advocate.

Address Confidentiality Program

You may be eligible for enrollment in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) if you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. For more information about ACP, contact your local victim service program or call the ACP at 1-800-563-6399.

Your Rights as a Crime Victim

- You have the right to receive information about basic services, including your eligibility to receive financial assistance.
- You have the right to provide input into the sentencing and post-sentencing decisions as well as on the offender's release, parole, community treatment, work release, etc.
- If the abuser named in the Protection From Abuse (PFA) order is jailed for either a violation of the order or for a personal injury crime against a victim protected by the order, then you have the right to receive immediate notice of his or her release on bail.
- You have the right to know the details of the final outcome of your case.
- You have the right to be accompanied to all criminal court proceedings by a family member, a victim advocate, or a support person.
- You have the right to be informed about the offender's status, including bail, escape, release, and arrest.
- You have the right to receive help in preparing an oral and/or written victim impact statement.

For more information on your rights please visit www.pacrimevictims.com or call any of the local victim service providers provided with this information.

Rights of Domestic Violence Victims

If you are the victim of domestic violence, you have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse pursuant to the Protection From Abuse Act (23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61) which could include the following:

- An order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse.
- An order directing the abuser to leave your house.
- An order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment.
- An order awarding you or the other parent temporary custody of or temporary visitation with your child or children.
- An order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.