

# Crime Victims Rights

1. The right to apply for financial assistance for losses resulting from a violent crime. Assistance does not cover property losses. For application and information, call 651 /282-6256. or outside the Twin Cities area, 1-888-622-8799.
2. The right to a safe waiting area, separate from the defendant during court.
3. The right to not give your home or work address in open court unless the judge finds that this is necessary.
4. The right to take time off from work to testify without your employer disciplining you.
5. The right to be notified of the content of any plea agreement recommendation
6. The right to object to a plea agreement or proposed disposition.
7. The right to notice of changes in the schedule of court proceedings.
8. The right to request a speedy trial.
9. The right to be notified of the final disposition of the case.
10. The right to attend the offender's sentencing hearing. You may submit a victim impact statement orally or in writing at the hearing, or have the prosecutor present it orally on your behalf.
11. The right to be notified of and submit an oral or written statement, summarizing the harm suffered and the victim's recommendation or the supervised release review hearing of certain offenders.
12. The right to request the court to order the defendant to pay for the actual loss you suffered (restitution). You have a right to ask the offender's probation officer to request a probation review hearing if the offender fails to pay the restitution as ordered.
13. The right to know when the offender is released from custody or transferred to a minimum security setting, or if the offender's custody status is reduced. You must request this in writing and send the request to the Commissioner of Corrections or to the head of the facility where the offender is confined. This may also be requested at time of sentencing.