



Victim's Rights Advocacy

How can a Victim's Rights Advocate help me?

- Advocates speak with you about your unique situation, explaining applicable court process in civil and criminal courts.
- Advocates can attend court hearings with you and provide information and resources relevant to protection, security, divorce, and visitation.
- Advocates can help you connect with community resources: housing, financial assistance, free legal services, counseling, and support groups, etc.
- Advocates can help you develop a safety plan.



Documentation

Keep a Journal

Keep a journal or log to record any incidents of abuse. Write things down that have happened in the past, be as specific as possible.

Talk to Witnesses

If there were witnesses to the abuse, you may want to find out how they can be reached.

Seek Medical Treatment

Some injuries sustained may be serious and may need medical attention. Keep copies of all medical records and treatments.

File a Police Report

When an incident occurs, call law enforcement and ask to file a report.

Take Pictures

Ask someone you trust, or contact law enforcement, the emergency room, or Turning Point to take pictures of any visible injuries you have from the abuse.

As a Victim of Crime, You Have Rights...

You have the right to:

- Be treated with fairness and respect regarding your safety, dignity, and privacy.
- Reasonable protection from the accused or anyone acting on his or her behalf.
- Refuse to answer questions from the offender or any person representing the offender.
- Proceedings that are free from unreasonable delay and prompt the conclusion of the case.
- Receive a full and timely restitution.
- Access to the attorney for the government.

You may request your right to:

- A timely notice of all public proceedings involving the crime against you and to attend them.
- Speak to any proceeding involving an offenders release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole.
- Receive notice if the offender is released or escapes.
- Assert these rights yourself, through a representative, or by asking the prosecuting attorney. If your relief is denied, you may appeal to your local district court of appeals.
- Have a secure waiting area during the court proceedings away from the offender.
- Have a victim advocate with you during all court proceedings.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, we are here to help...

740-382-8988

800-232-6505

turningpoint6.org

text **tphelp** to 20121

Services are available to any victim regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. All services are confidential.

LEP/Deaf/Hard of Hearing Service are available.

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