

Canadian Victims Bill of Rights

Are you a **victim of crime**?

You have **rights** at every stage of the **criminal justice process**.

Right to INFORMATION



You have the right to request information about:

- The criminal justice system and your role as a victim
- The services and programs available to you
- The status and outcome of the investigation and legal procedures
- The date, time, and location of proceedings in relation to the offence
- Reviews relating to the offender's conditional release and the timing and conditions of that release

Right to PROTECTION



You have the right:

- To have your security and privacy considered by the appropriate authorities in the criminal justice system
- To have measures taken to protect you from intimidation and retaliation
- To request that your identity be withheld from the public
- To request testimonial aids when appearing as a witness in court

Right to PARTICIPATION



You have the right:

- To present a victim impact statement and have it taken into consideration
- To share your views on decisions that affect your rights

Right to COMPENSATION



You have the right:

- To have the court consider making a restitution order against the offender to pay for your financial losses
- To file the restitution order as a civil court judgment if the offender fails to pay

Your rights are not being respected?

You are entitled to **file a complaint** with a federal or provincial ministry or agency (police, Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions, victims services, correctional services, parole boards, review boards for mental disorder).

To find out how, visit www.aqpv.ca.