

Waukesha County – Information for Victims of Crime

We are sorry that you have been the victim of a crime. We want to help.

Waukesha County Victim/Witness Assistance

Information, support and safety
planning for victims and witnesses.

Waukesha County Victim/Witness
515 W. Moreland Blvd.,
Room CG-72
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 548-7071

INVESTIGATING AGENCY

Officer: _____

Incident #: _____ Date: _____

Arrest, Custody and Release Information

Adult Offenders

VINE 1(888) 944-8463
www.vinelink.com

VINE allows you to register for
notification about changes in
custody status for offenders placed
in the Waukesha County Jail.

Waukesha County Jail
515 West Moreland Boulevard
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 548-7170
www.waukeshacounty.gov

Juvenile Offenders

Waukesha County Juvenile Center
521 Riverview Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 548-7731

For juvenile offenses, you will be
contacted by the Juvenile Court
intake worker, or the case will be
referred to the District Attorney's
Office. To contact Juvenile Court
Intake:

Waukesha County Health and
Human Services
514 Riverview Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 548-7385

If an arrest has not been made for
the crime you reported, you may
contact the investigating agency to
inquire about the status of the case
or to report additional information.

Wisconsin law provides victims of crime with special rights.

The Wisconsin Constitution (Article I, Section 9m) and Wis. Stat. Chapter 950 give certain rights to victims of crime. Some are automatic while others must be requested. Use the information on this form to discuss your rights with agencies you are in contact with about the case and to make your interests known.

Important

If you are threatened or intimidated because of your cooperation with law enforcement and prosecutors, you should make a report to the investigating agency listed above.

If you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1!

It is very important that you keep agencies informed of any new information about your case or changes to your phone number or address.

You may be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain expenses related to the crime. Keep records of the crime-related expenses, such as lost wages, repairs, or medical bills. Restitution may be ordered if the offender is convicted, and you will need this information to support your claim. Even if no one is arrested or convicted, you may be eligible for crime victim compensation.

Wisconsin Crime Victim Compensation Program
1-800-446-6564 or www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs

If you are a victim of domestic abuse, you may contact a victim service provider to plan for your safety and take steps to protect yourself, including filing a petition for a domestic abuse or harassment injunction. For assistance in seeking a restraining order:

The Women's Center 24hr Crisis Line (262) 542-3828 or 1-888-542-3828
Legal Advocacy/Business Line (262) 547-4600

Or Waukesha Victim/Witness Assistance (262) 548-7071

If you are a victim of sexual assault, human trafficking, or child sexual abuse, you have the right to be accompanied by a victim advocate at law enforcement interviews and other proceedings related to the crime committed against you, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 950.045. A parent or guardian may request a victim advocate on behalf of a minor victim of these crimes. To request a victim advocate, please inform the investigating officer, or contact Victim/Witness Assistance at (262) 548-7071.

Other resources:

Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Adult and Child Protective Services (262) 548-7212
Mental Health and Drug/Alcohol Abuse (262) 548-7666

Addiction Resource Council 24hr Hotline (262) 524-7920

Crime Victims' Rights in Wisconsin

* An asterisk (*) marks those rights which a victim must specifically request.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY ANY TIME:

- To be treated with fairness, dignity and respect for his or her privacy.
- To reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- To receive written information from law enforcement, within 24 hours of contact about rights, who to call for custody information regarding the offender and how to get more information about the case.
- To not have personal identifiers including email disclosed/used for a purpose unrelated to the official duties of an agency, employee or official.
- To contact the Department of Justice concerning a victim's treatment (1-800-446-6564) and to seek a review of a complaint by the Crime Victims Rights Board, as provided by law.
- To notice of a decision not to prosecute, if an arrest has been made.
- If a victim of an officer involved death, to receive information about the process by which he or she may do the following: file a complaint charging a person with a crime, if permitted by a judge; file a complaint under the John Doe investigation proceedings; and the process of an inquest.
- To notice of a decision not to prosecute, if an arrest has been made.
- To information about the disposition of the case.
- To attend court proceedings and to be accompanied by a service representative, as permitted by law.
- To request information from a district attorney about the disposition of the case.
- To not be the subject of an officer's or district attorney's order, request, or suggestion that the victim submit to a test using a lie detector if the victim reports having been the victim of a sexual assault.
- To the expeditious return of property when it is no longer needed as evidence.
- To file for Crime Victims Compensation, as provided by law.
- To request an order for an offender to submit to a test for sexually transmitted diseases, communicable disease, or HIV test (for certain offenses).
- To notice of a decision to close or dismiss a case or defer prosecution, if the offender is a juvenile.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY AFTER AN OFFENDER HAS BEEN CHARGED:

- To receive written information from the district attorney regarding the victim's rights and how to exercise them.
- Upon request, the opportunity to communicate with the prosecutor (or intake worker) about the possible outcome of the case, potential plea agreements and sentencing options.*
- To be notified of the time, date and place of court proceedings, if requested.*
- To be provided a waiting area separate from defense witnesses.
- To be notified if charges are dismissed.
- To have the victim's interests considered when the court is deciding whether to grant a continuance or deciding whether to exclude persons from a preliminary hearing.
- To be contacted about the right to make a statement at disposition or sentencing.
- To assistance with an employer about the need to attend court appearances.*
- To recompense from forfeited bail, as determined by the court.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS RELATED TO THE SENTENCING OF THE OFFENDER BY THE COURT:

- To provide a statement to the court, in person or in writing, about the economic, physical and psychological effects of the crime and to have that information considered by the court.
- To be contacted by the person preparing the pre-sentence report (or *court report*, if the offender is a juvenile) to have the impact on the victim included in the report.
- To restitution from a juvenile offender, as permitted by law, and to a civil judgment for unpaid restitution.
- To view certain portions of a presentence investigation report.
- To restitution from an adult offender for any crime considered at sentencing and to a civil judgment for unpaid restitution.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY AFTER SENTENCING:

- To be provided sentencing or dispositional information, if requested.*
- To be notified of a conditional release.
- To be provided with notice of a petition for a sentence adjustment or reduction and applications for early release.
- To be notified by the Department of Corrections of certain releases, escapes, confinements, leave, release to extended supervision and participation in the intensive sanctions program. If you have questions about receiving notices from the Department of Corrections, call 1-800-947-5777.
- To attend a hearing on a petition for a modification of a sentence and to provide a statement.
- To notification from the Department of Health & Family Services concerning discharge, home visits and supervised release of certain offenders.
- To be notified of applications for parole or release to extended supervision; to provide statements concerning parole.
- Upon request, to have the clerk of court send: a copy of an inmate's petition for extended supervision and notice of the hearing on that petition; a copy of a motion for post-conviction DNA testing and notice of any related hearing.*
- To be notified by the governor of a pardon application and to make a written statement about that application.