

Prosecutor’s Office

Dublin City Prosecutor614-462-1053
Columbus City Attorney, Prosecutor’s Division614-645-7483
375 S. High Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you call the police regarding a domestic violence assault, you may be referred to the Prosecutor’s Division of the Columbus City Attorney’s Office which also provides support services to victims who come directly to the office without seeking police assistance

Intake Department.....614-645-7483
Each individual who comes to the Prosecutor’s Office is interviewed by the Intake Department to identify facts and discuss legal alternatives

Night Prosecutor Program.....614-645-7483
Mediation Hearings - Evening and Weekend Hours (contact Intake Department for information). Offers mediation as an alternative to arrest in some cases

Witness Assistance Program (Domestic Violence) ..614-645-6232
Support, education, emergency counseling, information, and assistance to victims of domestic violence

Delaware County Municipal Court
Prosecutor’s Office740-368-1545
Delaware County Prosecutor’s Office.....740-833-2690
Union County Prosecutor’s Office.....937-645-3046

More Victim Support Services

FIRSTLINK.....614-221-2255
Provides 24 Hour information and referral services for the Columbus area

Center for New Directions.....614-287-5331
Provides programs, materials, and support to advise, educate, and assist victims in attaining financial self support

Elizabeth Blackwell Center.....614-566-5353
Provides individual counseling and support programs. Call for appointments and fee information (Riverside Hospital)

Crime Victim Compensation

Ohio Victims of Crime Program.....1-800-582-2877
May provide reimbursement for out-of-pocket personal injury expenses caused by a crime. The crime must be reported within 72 hours. Lost, damaged, or stolen property is not covered. Court of Claims of Ohio, 65 East State Street, #1100, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Emergency Housing

CHOICES.....614-224-4663
Emergency shelter for women and children (ages 0-17 years), counseling, crisis hotline, outreach counseling at hospital locations, referral information, and victim advocacy. 24 Hour Service

Friends of the Homeless.....614-253-2770
Emergency shelter, food, clothing, social service assessment, and referral to homeless persons over 18 years of age

Hospitality Center.....614-228-9211
Men’s Services.....614-849-0145
Volunteers of America.....614-224-8650
Emergency housing, meals, support services, referrals to families

with children
Medical Services

All Columbus area hospitals provide referral and social service support for crime victims.

Counseling Services

Catholic Social Services.....614-221-5891
Family counseling. Individual, group, marriage, and substance abuse counseling.

Crisis intervention

Children’s Hospital (Clinical Social Work)
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon -Fri.....614-722-6300
Individual, group, and family counseling

Children’s Hospital Divorce Services.....614-794-2145
Counseling for families, child custody mediation and assessment of children during divorce. Family education and support groups

CHOICES.....614-224-4663
Individual and group counseling at Riverside, Mt. Carmel and Choices Administration Office. Domestic violence peer support group

Directions for Youth and Families.....614-251-0103
Alcohol, drug and individual counseling. Family life education and home management

Dublin Counseling Center.....614-889-5722
Individual, group, family counseling for youth and adults - includes marital and substance/alcohol abuse counseling

Lutheran Social Services.....614-421-3611
Individual, couple, and family therapy and education. Day and evening groups for men responsible for physical and emotional abuse

Net Care Access - Crisis Center.....614-276-2273
Project Linden, Inc.....614-257-0262
Men’s and women’s programs. Variety of groups on parenting, sexual abuse, stress management, etc.

Southeast, Inc.....614-225-0990
Individual, group and family counseling. Women’s support group for victims and men’s support group for batterers.

24 Hour Emergency Service

FIRSTLINK.....614-221-2255

Legal Services

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus.....614-224-8374
Provides free & reduced fee representation & referrals for low-income persons in civil matters

Columbus Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services ..614-221-0754
Provides free referral to experienced attorneys

Emergency Services

Life-Threatening Emergency Police, Fire, Medical.....911
Dublin Police Non-emergency.....614-889-1112
Columbus City Prosecutor’s Office.....614-645-7483
Domestic Violence Unit.....614-645-6232
Clerk of Courts.....614-645-8819
CHOICES.....614-224-4663

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This brochure is intended as a representative rather than exclusive listing of victim services



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Misdemeanor Crime Victim Services

Officer _____

Badge # _____

Officer _____

Badge # _____

Phone # _____

Incident # _____

Date _____

Division of Police

The Rights of a Crime Victim

The *Victim Rights Bill* became law in October 1994. (Ohio Revised Code 2930). This law gives specific rights to all *victims* of felony crimes and the following misdemeanor crimes: Assault, Aggravated Menacing, Domestic Violence, Intimidation of a Crime Victim or Menacing. A member of the family, or another person, authorized by the *victim* may exercise the rights of the *victim* as the *victim's* representative if the *victim* is a minor, incapacitated, incompetent or deceased. If none of these apply, the *victim* may still choose to authorize another person or family member to act as his/her representative. If more than one person wishes to act as the *victim's* representative, the court may designate one. If a person is acting as a *victim's* representative without a court order, notice must be given to the prosecutor. The *victim* may elect to receive all notices even if a representative has been named. The *victim* may revoke the authority granted to the representative. (§2930.02)

The *victim* has a right to be notified about information regarding their case. Notice to *victims* may be oral or written. It is the responsibility of the *victim* to keep his/her address and phone number current with the prosecutor's office. (§2930.03)

The *victim* has the right to information from the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the crime. If an officer is assigned to the case the agency shall notify the *victim* of the officer's name and business telephone number. The *victim* has the right to contact the law enforcement agency regarding the status of his/her case. (§2930.04) *Note: In misdemeanor cases, the Clerk of Courts Office or the City Prosecutor's Office will have current information regarding the case.*

The *victim* has the right to know when an arrest has been made and whether the defendant is eligible for pretrial release and the right to know whether the defendant has been released from custody. *Note: In misdemeanor cases the City Prosecutor's Office will contact the victim after the arrest and notify the victim about the defendant's bond and conditions of her/her release.* To verify whether or not the defendant has been released, call Franklin County Jail (614)462-3333/3338, Municipal Clerk of

Courts 614-645-8819/8186 or Dublin Clerk of Council 614-410-4436. (§2930.05)

If the *victim* experiences any act of a threat of violence or intimidation by the defendant, or at his/her direction against the *victim*, *victim's family* or the *victim's representative*, the prosecutor may file a motion asking the court to revoke the defendant's bond. (§2930.05)

The *victim* has the right to speak with the prosecutor, to the extent practicable, before pretrial diversion is granted the defendant; amending or dismissing a charge; agreeing to a negotiated plea, or; a court or jury trial. Failure of the prosecutor to confer with the *victim* shall be noted on the court record and will include the reason for that failure. Failure of the prosecutor to confer with the *victim* does not affect the validity of an agreement entered into by the prosecutor. (§2930.06)

Once prosecution begins, the prosecutor, if practicable, shall give the *victim* offense(s) with which the defendant has been charged; case number; a brief statement regarding the procedural steps in a criminal case and the *victim's* right to be present; a summary of the *victim's* rights; steps the *victim* can take if threatened or intimidated; who to contact for further information about the case and the right of the *victim* to appoint a representative. At the request of the *victim* the prosecutor shall give the *victim* notices of any scheduled court proceedings and notices of any changed in the scheduled case. If notice is requested, the *victim* shall keep the prosecutor informed of current address and phone number. (§2930.06)

If the prosecutor determined there are reasonable grounds for the *victim* to be apprehensive about acts or threats of violence or intimidation by the defendant the prosecutor may file a motion with the court requesting that the *victim* or other witnesses not be compelled to give testimony that would disclose the *victim's* address, employer or other personal identification without the *victim's* consent. The court file or court documents in a case shall not contain the address or telephone number of the *victim* unless contained in a transcript of the trial or used to identify the location of the crime. (§2930.07)

The *victim* has the right to notice of substantial delays in prosecution of the case. If the *victim* objects to the delay, the prosecutor shall inform the court of the *victim's* objections. (§2930.08)

The *victim* has the right to be present whenever the defendant is present during any critical stage of a criminal case conducted on the record, other than a grand jury proceeding. At the *victim's* request, the court shall permit another person to accompany the *victim* to provide support, unless the presence of that person would deny the defendant's right to a fair trial. (§2930.09)

The court shall make a reasonable effort to minimize unwanted contact between the *victim* and the defendant, before, during and immediately after court proceedings. (§2930.10)

The *victim* has a right to have any property being held by a law enforcement agency returned promptly unless it is being held for further court proceedings. (§2930.11)

At the *victim's* request the prosecutor shall give the victim notice of the outcome of the case. If the defendant is convicted, this information shall include: the crimes of which the defendant was convicted; address and phone number of probation officer that is to prepare a pre-sentence investigation report and the person who is to prepare the *victim* impact statement; notice that the probation officer or person who completes the *victim* impact statement and that either will be made available to the defendant unless exempted by the court; notice of the *victim's* right to make an impact statement at sentencing; the date, time and place of sentencing; the sentence that is imposed by the court, and any modification of that sentence. (§2930.12)

If the court orders the preparation of a *victim* impact statement, the *victim* may make a written or oral statement to the person ordered to prepare the statement. Such statement may include: the nature and extent of any physical, psychological or emotional harm suffered; the extent of property damage or economic loss; an opinion regarding restitution and whether the *victim* has applied for and received any compensation; the *victim's* recommendation for an appropriate sentence. (§2030.13)

If the *victim* requests notice of the filing of an appeal, the prosecutor shall notify the *victim* of the following; a brief explanation of appellate process; whether the defendant has been released pending the disposition of the appeal; the time and place of the appellate court proceedings; the result of the appeal. If the defendant's conviction is reversed and the case is returned to the trial court, the *victim* may exercise all previously requested rights. (§3920.15 O.R.C.)

The *victim* has a right to request to be informed by the prosecutor if the defendant has been incarcerated. The prosecutor shall notify the *victim* of: the date on which the defendant will be released or a reasonable estimate of that date: the name of the custodial agency where the defendant is being held and how to contact that agency; any motion for early release or modification of the sentence and the court's ruling on the motion. Upon the request of the *victim*, the custodial agency shall notify the *victim* of the following: the governor's intention to grant a communication or pardon, or a parole hearing at least three weeks prior to the action; thirty days notice of a defendant's furlough, or as soon as practicable prior to the furlough, and the *victim's* right to submit a statement regarding the impact of the defendant's furlough on the *victim*; three weeks' notice of the defendant being allowed to serve a portion of the sentence under electronic monitoring; prompt notice to the *victim* of the defendants escape and if the defendant is recaptured; notice to the *victim* of the defendant's death while in custody; notice to the *victim* of the defendant's release from confinement and the conditions of the release. (§2930.16 O.R.C.)

Prior to releasing the defendant from incarceration, the court shall permit a *victim* to make an additional statement, orally or in writing at the court's discretion, concerning the impact

of the crime. The court shall consider this statement in deciding whether to release the defendant. (§2930.17 O.R.C.)

No employer shall discharge, discipline, or otherwise retaliate against the *victim*, a member of the *victim's family* or a *victim's representative* for participating in the criminal justice proceedings at the prosecutor's request. (§2930.18 O.R.C.)

Protection Orders

Criminal Protection Orders (TPO/SPO)

There are two types of criminal protection orders: Temporary Protection Order (TPO) and Anti-Stalking Protection Order (SPO). If you are considered a family/household member, you may be eligible to request a protection order if the defendant is charged with: menacing by stalking, aggravated trespass, domestic violence and assault. If you are not considered family/household members you may be eligible for a protection order if the defendant is charged with: menacing by stalking, aggravated trespass, aggravated menacing, and menacing.

The criminal protection order instructs the defendant to leave the *victim* alone while the criminal case is pending. The criminal protection order is only valid while the criminal charge is pending. Violation of the criminal protection order is a separate crime. To get a criminal protection order the *victim* must come to court on the day the defendant is scheduled to be in arraignment court. The Clerk of Courts has this date. It is best to call the Clerk's office at 614-645-8819 between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. to see if the defendant has been arrested and is scheduled that day in arraignment court. You need to get in touch with the City Prosecutor's Witness Assistance Program 614-645-6232 to get your protection order. The arraignment date cannot be changed. If you want a protection order you need to be at 375 South High, 17th floor, before 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. If the defendant is scheduled in arraignment court on a Saturday, go directly to courtroom 4-D on the 4th floor of the courthouse. The prosecutor will not dismiss the case if you don't show up for the arraignment. If you have any questions, please call Witness Assistance at 614-645-6232.

Civil Protection Order (CPO)

A Civil Protection Order (CPO) may be granted by the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court to a *victim* of domestic violence. Like the criminal protection orders, the CPO is intended to prohibit the abuser from contacting or harassing the *victim*. You need not have initiated a criminal charge, or filed a divorce to apply for a CPO. Violation of the CPO can be a criminal offense. CPO's can also address many different areas such as child support, custody, visitation, counseling, etc. Additional information regarding CPO's is available by contacting the Legal Aid Society of Columbus or a private attorney.