

# Information For Victims of Crime in Wisconsin

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## 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**  
[Help4Victims@da.wi.gov](mailto:Help4Victims@da.wi.gov)

Arrest, Custody and Release Information

### Adult Offenders

VINE 1(888) 944-8463  
[www.vinelink.com](http://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](http://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 Menomonee Falls Police Department to inquire about the status of the case or to report additional information.

262-532-8700

## Menomonee Falls Police Department

W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051  
262-532-8700

[www.menomonee-falls.org/police](http://www.menomonee-falls.org/police)



Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Wisconsin law provides victims of crime with special rights.

The Wisconsin Constitution (Article I, Section 9m) and Wis. Stat. Chapter 950 give special rights to victims of crime. Some rights are automatic while others must be requested. The rights are listed on the reverse side of this form. Use the information on this form to discuss and clarify 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](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs)

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Victim Resource Center can provide you with more information about victims' rights and resources in your area.

Call 1-800-446-6564 or online at [www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs](http://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

# Crime Victims' Rights in Wisconsin

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

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT MIGHT 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 a speedy disposition of the case.
- To not be compelled to submit to a pretrial interview or deposition by a defendant or his or her attorney.
- 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 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 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 be notified if charges are dismissed.

## 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.
- To recompense from forfeited bail, as determined by the court.
- To view certain portions of a pre-sentence investigation report.
- To restitution from an adult offender for any crime considered at sentencing.

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT APPLY AFTER SENTENCING:

- To be provided sentencing or dispositional information.\*
- To attend parole interviews or hearings and make statements.
- 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, leaves, revocation of parole, 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 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.
- 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.
- To a civil judgment for unpaid restitution.
- To be notified when an offender's release to parole or extended supervision is revoked for violating a condition of release.

## POLICE REPORTS:

Police reports are available upon request during Business Office 24 hours a day. Call box to the right of the doors when they are locked. Reports may not be available during the investigative or processing stages. Please call **262-532-8700** to check on the release of a specific report. There is a charge of \$.25 per page.