Victim's Rights

What are my rights as a crime victim?

1.You have a right to know what to do if you are threatened.

2.You have a right to know exactly what your role is in the criminal justice system.

3.You have a right to know what's happening with your case.

4.You have a right to be in a safe place when you are waiting for court.

5.You have a right to receive restitution for medical expenses and other losses resulting from a crime.

6.You have a right to property that's been taken as evidence when it is no longer needed as evidence.

7.You have a right to know if the evidence will be destroyed.

8.You have a right to have this case finalized in a timely manner.

9.You have a right to receive timely notice of dates you have to be in court.

CHILDREN'S ADDITIONAL RIGHTS:

- You have a right <u>NOT</u> to feel responsible for what's happened to you. No one should try to make you think you are.
- You have a right to know what programs are available to help you.

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Resource List

For Non-Emergency's For Emergency's Weber County Sheriff's Call 911 801-778-6600 Dispatch North Ogden Police 801-395-8221 801-782-7219 Pleasant View Police 801-782-6736 Harrisville Police 801-782-4100 **Rov** Police 801-774-1010 **Riverdale** Police 801-394-6616 Utah Highway Patrol 801-393-1136 Weber State Police 801-626-6460 **Ogden** Police 801-629-8064 South Ogden Police 801-622-2800 2nd District Court 801-395-1079 Weber County Justice Court 801-774-1051 or 801-399-8377 NUSANE Northern Utah Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner 801-436-1075 Children's Justice Center (CJC) 801-778-6261 Division of Child & Family (DCFS) 801-629-5800 Your Community Connection (YCC) 801-394-9456 Utah Office for Victims of Crime 801-238-2360 www.crimevictim.utah.gov VINE Link Victim Information Now Everyday 1-877-884-8463 www.vinelink.com

> Weber County Attorney's Office 2380 Washington Blvd Suite 230 Ogden UT 84401

www.co.weber.ut.us/attorney/victim_witness

Victims of Sexual Assault



"The voice of the victim is the voice of someone speaking out and standing up for justice."

Process in a Criminal Case

- 1- Once an investigation is completed, the case will be screened by the Police Officer for charges to be filed with the Weber County Attorney's Office.
- 2- Please provide current information to the officer so our office can keep you informed of the Criminal case.
- 3- If charges are filed, a Victim Impact Statement will be sent to the victim for completion. Please return within 14 days.
- 4- After the defendant's first appearance, notifications will be sent to the victim until the case is closed.
- 5- When convicted and a sentencing date is set, victims are encouraged to attend the sentencing hearing where they can speak about the impact of their case.
- 6- If applicable, restitution will then be ordered at the time of sentencing.
 Defendant will have until the end of probation to pay off restitution.
- 7- Personal effects held in evidence can be released 30 days after sentencing. The Prosecutor must sign a release form. Contact our office for this form.
- 8- If charges are not filed, any physical evidence may be returned or destroyed. Contact the Police Department for this evidence.

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Additional Rights for Victims of a Sex Offense

- Right to be notified of the status of the DNA taken from a Rape Kit and if DNA evidence was found.
- Right to know if DNA will not be tested if the perpertator has not been confirmed.
- Right to be notified if the Rape Kit will be destroyed from evidence. You should be notified 60 days before this happens.
- Right to know the results of the DNA, if it was obtained as a result of the Rape Kit and if it was uploaded into the Utah combined DNA index.
- Right to know the Rape Kit results. Call NUSANE for the results at 801-436-1075.
- Right to know if there is a match on the DNA and the identity of the suspect.
- Right to have the sex offender tested for HIV/AIDS and know the results of the test.
- Right to know if you contracted a sexual transmitted disease. The testing will be done at your family physician's office. Follow up with your family physician for the results.
- Right to know if there have been any significant changes in the case and what they are. Law Enforcement will notify you.

YCC Rape Crisis Center

2261 Adams Ave Ogden UT 84401 801-392-7273 www.ycchope.org/yccogden/



Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement Agency Address:		
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- 1- If you would like to be notified regarding the DNA evidence and the Rape Kit results, you must notify Law Enforcement in writing within **30 days** of the crime being reported.
 - The request must be made to Law Enforcement in writing or via email.
- 2- Law Enforcement should update the victim regarding any significant changes on their case: if DNA has a match, what the status on DNA is, or if the Rape Kit is going to be destroyed.
- 3- Law Enforcement should provide information in regards to the appeal process if you wish to appeal the decision to destroy evidence.

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