



## Know Your Rights

Victims of crime have rights during the criminal justice process: the right to information, protection and participation, and the right to seek restitution.

Contact Victim Services to learn more about your rights or visit [www.canada.ca/victims](http://www.canada.ca/victims)

# Victim Services

## Coordination of Services

Victim Services provides a link between victims and the justice system and will help you obtain the services and information you need. This help extends beyond the police and court level to the corrections system. Victim Services can help to keep you informed about the offender's status, including release date, parole eligibility, and probation terms.

Victim Services operates in cooperation with police departments and RCMP detachments across the Island.

*Assistance is available to victims of crime anywhere on Prince Edward Island. If you live off-Island and are victim of a crime that occurred on PEI, you are also eligible for services.*



## Contact Information

### Queens and Kings Counties:

1 Harbourside Access Road  
PO Box 2000  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8  
Tel: (902) 368-4582

### Prince County:

Suite 19, 2nd Floor  
263 Heather Moyse Drive  
Summerside, PE C1N 5P1  
Tel: (902) 888-8218



## Helping Victims of Crime



Justice and  
Public Safety

## Victim Services

Victim Services assists victims of crime throughout their involvement in the criminal justice system. No fees are charged for this confidential service. Referrals are accepted even if no charges are laid.



If you are a victim of crime, you may need one or more of the following services:

### Information

Victim Services can give you information about the status of the police investigation, the justice system and how it operates, court procedures, and services available in your community.

### Emotional Support and Short-term Counselling

Being a victim of crime is often a frightening and upsetting experience. Victim Services staff will listen, offer emotional support, and help you decide what to do about problems resulting from the crime committed against you.

## Assistance With Court

If your case goes to court, Victim Services will work with the Crown Attorney and the police to:

- answer your questions
- help you prepare for court
- accompany you to court if requested
- ensure that you are informed about court dates and outcome.

## Victim and Community Impact Statements

A **victim impact statement** describes the physical or emotional harm, property damage or economic loss resulting from the crime.

A **community impact statement** is a statement made by an individual on a community's behalf, describing the harm or loss suffered by the community as a result of the crime.



If you wish to prepare an impact statement, contact Victim Services right away. A Victim Services Worker can help you prepare a statement and ensure that it is presented to the court if an accused person is found guilty.

## Victims of Family Violence Act

Victim Services staff, as well as the police, are designated under the *Victim of Family Violence Act* to apply for Emergency Protection Orders on behalf of victims, with the victim's consent. Victim Services also provides Information Kits to victims who wish to apply for Victim Assistance Orders under the *Victims of Family Violence Act*.

## Referrals

You may need legal information, financial help, long-term counseling, or other services. Victim Services can help you decide what services, if any, you need, and assist you to access the appropriate government or community agency.

## Financial Information

Victim Services can provide information to help you recover financial losses resulting from the crime. Possible options include: restitution, civil suits, insurance, Uninsured Automobile Coverage, and criminal injuries compensation.

Criminal injuries compensation is available to victims who receive injuries from crimes committed after September 30, 1989. ***Criminal injuries compensation does not apply to property loss or damage.*** For information about eligible expenses and for application forms, contact Victim Services in your area.