

## **Rights of Crime Victims in Texas:**

Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;

Have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail;

Receive information, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, of cancellations and rescheduling prior to the event, and appellate court decisions after the decisions are entered but before they are made public;

Be informed, when requested, by a peace officer about the defendant's right to bail and criminal investigation procedures, and from the prosecutor's office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals and parole;

Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department prior to sentencing;

Information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and payment for a medical examination for a victim of sexual assault, and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide additional assistance;

Information, on request, about parole procedures; notification of parole proceedings and of the inmate's release; and the opportunity to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to parole;

A separate or secure waiting area at all public court proceedings;

Prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence;

Have the prosecutor notify, upon request, an employer that the need for the victim's testimony may involve the victim's absence from work;

On request, counseling and testing regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for victims of sexual assault

Request victim-offender mediation coordinated by the Victim Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

Be informed of the use and purpose of a victim impact statement, to complete a victim impact statement and to have the statement considered before sentencing and acceptance of a plea bargain and before an inmate is released on parole.



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**Austin/Travis County Victim Services Task Force**



**AUSTIN &  
TRAVIS  
COUNTY**

# **VICTIM SERVICES INFORMATION**



## Helpful Numbers for Victims of Crime:

### Victim Assistance Programs:

Austin Police Dept. Victim Services	974-5037
Travis County Sheriff's Victim Services	854-9709
Crime Victim's Compensation	936-1200
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	406-5424

### 24-Hour Crisis Hotlines:

24-Hour Hotline (MHMR)	472-HELP
Runaway Hotline	888-580-HELP
SafePlace	267-SAFE
Teen Help Line	441-TEEN
MADD Helpline (Victims of Drunk Driving)	1-877-MADD-HELP

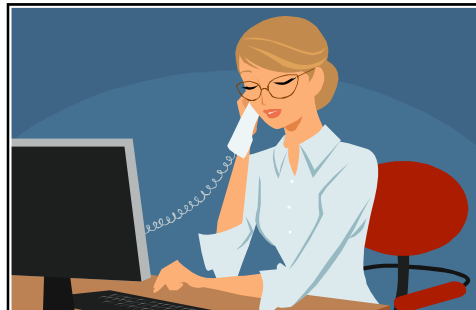
### 24-Hour Abuse Hotline:

Children, Elderly, Persons with Disabilities  
800-252-5400

**Austin Police Department**  
**Non-emergencies:** 311

### Travis County Legal Information:

Adult Probation	854-4600
Adult Parole:	
North Austin: 908-9377	
South Austin: 442-8367	
Travis County Attorneys Office	854-9415
Family Violence Division	854-9498
Protective Orders	854-9415
District Attorneys Office	854-9400
Warrant & Jail Information System	854-9889
Juvenile Court	854-7000
Contacts for Emergency Protective Order Information:	
EPO Attorney:	225-9593
EPO Attorney (bilingual):	225-9588
Pre-trial Services	854-9381
(request for PR bond to be granted or denied)	
Travis County Sheriffs Office	854-9770
APD Warrant Office	974-5355
VINE	877-894-8463
(Victim Information Notification Everyday)	
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	374-2700



### Information and Referral:

Information and Referral for all Services:  
Call 211  
Informacion y Referencia para todos los  
Servicios: Marca 211

### What You Can Do to Help:

Learn More:

To learn more about victims and victimization, check out the following websites:

Victim Services Task Force:

<http://www.caction.org/victims/index.htm>

Office for Victims of Crime

<http://www.ohp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>

Texas Office of the Attorney General

<http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/victims.shtml>

Donate:

Make a financial or in kind donation to one of the organizations listed in this brochure.

Volunteer:

Volunteer with one of the members of the Austin/Travis County Victim Services Task Force.