

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

- **Emergencies**
911
- **Non-Emergency**
303.627.3100
- **Records** (Police Reports)
303.739.6308
- **Victim Services Unit**
303.739.6087

CRISIS LINES



- **LGBTQ Anti Violence Program Crisis Line**
303.852.5094
- **The Blue Bench**
24-hour Rape Crisis Line
303.322.7273
TDD – 303.329.0023
- **Colorado Crisis Services**
1.844.493.TALK (8255)
24-hour Suicide Crisis Line
1.800.784.2433

OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Arc of Aurora Advocacy**
720.213.1420
- **Aurora Mental Health**
303.617.2300
- **Asian Pacific Development Center**
303.923.2920
- **Gateway Court Advocacy Program, Municipal Court Domestic Violence**
303.739.7837
- **Gateway Women’s Shelter**
303.343.1851
- **Mile High / Comitis Crisis Center**
303.343.9890
- **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)**
1.800.621.6233
- **Project Safeguard**
(Orders of Protection, Domestic Violence)
Adams County
303.637.7761
Arapahoe County
303.799.3977
- **Servicios de la Raza**
303.458.5851
- **Social Services**
Adams County
303.363.9300
Arapahoe County
303.636.1130

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Aurora Police Department
15001 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora Colorado 80012
Victims Services

The Rights of crime Victims



the RIGHTS of Crime VICTIMS

We are sorry to learn you have been a victim of a crime. As a victim, you may have experienced injury, loss, confusion, and a disruption of your life. Feelings of shock, disbelief, fear, vulnerability, anger and frustration may result. Having information and an understanding about the system may be helpful to you at this time.

Once a crime is reported, a person who is a victim of crime becomes part of the criminal justice system. It can be a confusing and sometimes perplexing experience.

The Aurora Police Department Victim Services Unit will assist you with any issues you may have experienced because of this crime. Our victim advocates provide support and assistance to victims during the process.

This brochure has been prepared to assist you in understanding your rights and to answer commonly asked questions.

Because victims are such an important part of the criminal justice process, in November 1992 the voters of Colorado passed a resolution to include the Victim Rights Act as part of the state’s constitution.

For more information on the Victim Rights Act, go to www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp.

When you call our office, please refer to your Case Number and the victim advocate that has been assigned to your case.

Case Number

Victim Advocate

Crimes Covered by the Victim Rights Act

The Victim Rights Act guarantees certain rights to victims of the following crimes:

- Indecent exposure
- Human trafficking
- First degree burglary
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault
- Murder - 1st and 2nd degree
- Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide and vehicular homicide
- Assault - 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree and vehicular assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping - 1st and 2nd degree
- Sexual assault
- Sexual assault on a child
- Robbery
- Incest and aggravated incest
- Child abuse
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles
- Crimes for which the cause has been determined to be domestic violence
- Careless driving resulting in death
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death
- Stalking
- A bias motivated crime
- Retaliation against a victim, witness, judge or juror
- Tampering with a victim or witness and witness intimidation
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation, or accessory involving any of the crimes above.

If the victim is deceased or incapacitated, the victim's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, significant other or other lawful representative may exercise these rights.

Victim Services May Assist with the Following

- Immediate crisis intervention and follow up support
- Special services for juvenile, elderly or victims with disabilities
- Referrals for medical and emergency services
- Referrals for mental health and social services
- Translation services
- Intervention with creditors, landlords and employers
- Referrals for legal resources
- Referrals for child care services
- Transportation
- How to obtain public records, police reports
- Information about protective orders
- Support services and community resources

Rights for Crime Victims

- To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, and the right to be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation.
- To a prompt return of the victim's property after it is no longer needed as evidence.
- To be informed of the results of any court-ordered HIV testing.
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services.
- To receive annual updates on cold cases, upon written request.

Rights During the Court Process

- To be present and heard regarding bond reduction, acceptance of plea negotiations, case disposition, sentencing, or modification of sentence.
- To consult with the district attorney prior to any disposition of the case or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case.
- To be informed of the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations.
- To prepare a Victim Impact Statement and to be present and/or heard at sentencing.
- To have restitution ordered and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime.
- To be assured that in any criminal proceeding, the appropriate action will be taken to achieve a swift and fair resolution.
- Have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings.
- To know if the accused or convicted of the crime is released from custody, paroled or escapes.

Rights After the Conviction

- To be informed of and heard at any reconsideration of sentence, parole hearing or commutation of sentence.
- To be informed when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility or hospital.
- To view all or a portion of the report of the probation department at the discretion of the District Attorney.

After the conviction of a crime, and upon written request by the crime victim, local correctional authorities will notify you of:

- The institution in which the person is incarcerated.
- Projected date of the person's release.
- Any release of a person on furlough, work release or community correctional facility in advance of such release.
- Any scheduled parole hearing and any changes in hearing schedules.
- Any escape, transfer or release from a correctional facility or program.
- The transfer to a non-secured facility.
- The death of a person while in a correctional facility or program.

In addition, upon request of the victim, correctional officials will keep confidential the victim's or immediate family's address, phone numbers, places of employment or personal information.

Victim Compensation

If you are:

- A victim of a violent crime
- A dependent of a deceased victim
- Authorized to act on behalf of a victim

Depending on circumstances, you can apply for assistance through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. To be eligible you must have reported the crime to a law enforcement agency, cooperated in an investigation and applied to be considered for assistance. To apply or for more information, contact:

- **Adams County** 303-835-5615
- **Arapahoe County** 720-874-8500

Colorado website:

www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp

COURTS

Adams County
1100 Judicial Center Dr.,
Brighton, CO 80601
303-659-1161

Arapahoe County
7305 S. Potomac St.
Englewood, CO 80112
720-874-8500

Douglas County
4000 Justice Way
#2525-A, Castle Rock, CO 80109
720-733-4500

Aurora
14999 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012
303-739-6444
Victim/Witness Liaison
303-739-6412

If your case was filed with the District Attorney's Office and you have questions concerning the prosecution of your case, contact the Victim/Witness Unit in the county where the crime occurred.

- **Adams County** 303-659-7735
- **Arapahoe County** 720-874-8618 or 8619

DETENTION/JAIL

Aurora Detention Center
14999 E. Alameda Pkwy. Aurora, CO 80012
303-739-6165

Adams County Jail
150 N. 19th Ave.
Brighton, CO 80601
303-655-3495

Arapahoe County Jail
7375 S. Potomac St.
Centennial, CO 80112
720-874-3500

If all local efforts to obtain your rights as a victim have failed, you can request assistance from the Governor's Victim Coordinating Committee. Communications may be verbal or may be in writing.

For additional information, contact:

Division of Criminal Justice Office for Victims' Programs
700 Kipling St., Suite 1000
Denver, Colorado 80215
303-239-4442