

“IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,

you can ask the city or county prosecuting attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to file a petition in superior, district, or municipal court/ requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse which could include any of the following:

- (a) An order restraining your abuser from further acts of abuse;
- (b) An order directing your abuser to leave your household;
- (c) An order preventing your abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- (d) An order awarding you or the other parent custody of or visitation with your minor child or children;
- (e) An order restraining your abuser from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody; and
- (f) An order requiring your abuser to turn in any firearms and concealed pistol license in the abuser’s possession or control to law enforcement and prohibit the abuser from possessing or accessing firearms or a concealed pistol license for the duration of the order.

The forms you need to obtain a protection order are available in any municipal, district, or superior court. For More Information – You can download forms from www.courts.wa.gov/forms or get them from the court clerk’s office.



For Victim Resources: Text the words, “DV Info” to 253-888-5297 (LAWS) or scan this QR code with your phone to receive information on victim resources that may be available to you.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

National Domestic Violence 24-hr. Hotline...1-800-799-7233
 Pierce County Domestic Violence Hotline-
 24-hour Helpline253-798-4166
 Or Toll Free1-800-764-2420
 TDD253-798-4620
 Pierce County 24-hour Crisis Line.....1-800-576-7764
 Pierce County Sheriff’s Department-
 Emergency.....911
 Non-Emergency253-798-4721
 Domestic Violence Unit.....253-798-6516
 Crystal Judson Family Justice Ctr.253-798-4310
 Crisis Line.....253-798-4333
 Rebuilding Hope the Sexual Assault
 Ctr. for Pierce County.....1-800-756-7273 or 253-474-7273
 Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney
 Domestic Violence Unit.....253-798-7446
 Pierce County Clerks Office
 Domestic Violence Protection Orders253-798-8827
 Community Health Care.....253-722-2161

SHELTERS

YWCA Women’s Shelter253-383-2593
 Family Renewal Shelter.....253-475-9010
 Tacoma Community House253-383-3951
 Salvation Army (24-hour number)253-572-8452
 Korean Women’s Assoc./Shelter253-359-0470
 Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline.....1-800-562-6025
 Catherine Place.....253-572-3547
 Our Sister’s House253-383-4275

OTHER AGENCIES

Multicare Behavioral Health –
www.multicare.org/behavior-health
 1-888-445-8120
 Greater Lakes Mental Health-
www.glmh.org
 253-581-7020



Extreme Risk Protection Order

An Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) directs a person to surrender their firearms and makes it illegal to purchase or have control of firearms. It can be filed against a person who poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to self or others in the near future by having firearms. A petition can be filed by a person who is a family or household member of the respondent or a law enforcement agency/officer.

For More Information

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Victim Information & Notification Everyday

Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) is a free, anonymous, computer-based service that provides victims of crime two important services: information and notification.



Information

For offender custody information, call 1 (877) 846-3492 and follow the prompts.

Callers use basic information to search the VINE database. VINE will quickly tell the caller if the inmate is still in custody. Victims may call VINE from any touch-tone phone, anytime, to check on an inmate’s custody status.

Notification

Callers may then choose to register for an automated notification call when an inmate is released, transferred, or in the event of an escape. To register, callers simply enter the phone number, including area code, where they want to be reached. Callers will then be asked to enter a personal identification number (PIN) for use during notification. The service will automatically call when the inmate is released, transferred or in the event of an escape.

For More Information

For more information, please visit the VINE website at <https://vinelink.vineapps.com/login/WA>



Address Confidentiality Program

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) assists crime victims (specifically victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking, and certain criminal justice employees who have been targets of felony harassment on the job or due to the job) who have relocated to avoid further abuse.

The ACP helps participants keep their new location secret by providing a substitute address they can use instead. ACP

participants are also eligible to register to vote and apply for marriage licenses without creating public records.

How to Apply to the ACP

All applications come to the ACP from victim advocates. ACP services alone won’t keep anyone safe; to be useful, ACP services must be part of a comprehensive safety plan. Help with threat assessment and safety planning is available at victim assistance programs listed in this brochure. Simply contact one of the listed Victim Assistance Resources and tell them you want to meet with an advocate to talk about what you can do to stay safe. An advocate can help you develop a safety plan and help decide if the ACP should be part of that safety plan.

For More Information

For more information, contact the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) at 1-800-822-1065 (inside WA) or 360-753-2972 Rev. 3-2019

Pierce County Sheriff’s Department

Victim’s Rights



Deputy Name: _____

Case Number: _____

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OR WITNESS OF A CRIME IN PIERCE COUNTY, THIS PAMPHLET HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR YOU.

The Sheriffs Department has been given the responsibility to provide information on legislated crime victim rights to both adult victims/witnesses and child victim/witnesses (RCW 10.99.030, 7.69.030). Resources available in the Pierce County area are listed on the back of this pamphlet.

In addition to the following listed rights, domestic violence information and referral services are listed. Services include shelter information, crisis line telephone numbers and legal rights and remedies available to domestic violence victims. For additional information, call the domestic violence toll-free hotline, local shelters, or the prosecuting attorney's domestic violence unit.

We are concerned about you as a person. No one has the right to victimize you. Please let us help you from becoming a victim of further violence.

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR SEX CRIMES

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OR WITNESS TO ANY VIOLENT OR SEX CRIME, THEN YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

1. To be informed by local law enforcement agencies or the prosecuting attorney of the final disposition of the case in which the victim, survivor, or witness is involved.
2. To be notified by the party who issued the subpoena that a court proceeding to which they have been subpoenaed will not occur as scheduled, in order to save an unnecessary trip to court.
3. To receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts, and to be provided with information as to the level of protection available.
4. To be informed of the procedure to be followed to apply for and receive any witness fees to which you are entitled.
5. To be provided, whenever practical, a secure waiting area during court proceedings that does not require them to be in close proximity to defendants and families or friends of defendants.
6. To have any stolen or other personal property expeditiously returned by law enforcement agencies or the superior court when no longer needed as evidence. When feasible, all such property, except weapons, currency, contraband, property subject to evidentiary analysis, and property of which ownership is disputed, shall be photographed and returned to the owner within ten days of being taken.
7. To be provided with appropriate employer intercession services to ensure that employers of victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses of crime will cooperate with the criminal justice process in order to minimize an employee's loss of pay and other benefits resulting from court appearance.
8. To have access to immediate medical assistance and not to be detained for an unreasonable length of time by a law enforcement agency before having such assistance administered. However, an employee of the law enforcement agency may, if necessary, accompany the person to a medical facility to question the person about the criminal incident if the questioning does not hinder the administration of medical assistance.
9. To have a crime victim advocate from a crime victim/witness program present at any prosecutorial or defense interviews with the victim. This applies only if practical and the presence of the advocate --does not cause any unnecessary delay in the investigation or prosecution of the case. The role of the advocate is to provide emotional support to the crime victim.
10. To be physically present in court during trial, or if subpoenaed to testify, to be scheduled as early as practical in the proceedings in order to be physically present during trial after testifying and not to be excluded solely because they have testified.
11. To be informed by the prosecuting attorney of the date, time and place of the trial and of the sentencing hearing for felony convictions upon request by victim or survivor.
12. To submit a victim impact statement or report to the court, with the assistance of the prosecuting attorney if requested, which shall be included in all presentence reports and permanently included in the files and records accompanying the offender committed to the custody of a state agency or institution.
13. To present a statement personally or by representation, at the sentencing hearing for felony convictions.
14. To entry of an order of restitution by the court in all felony cases, even when the offender is sentenced to confinement, unless extraordinary circumstances exist which make restitution inappropriate in the court's judgement.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

**Pierce County Prosecutors,
Victim Witness Assistance**

Room 946, County City Building
930 Tacoma Avenue South
Tacoma, Washington 98402

(253) 798-6875

RIGHTS OF CHILD VICTIMS OF VIOLENT, SEX CRIMES OR ABUSE

IF YOU ARE A CHILD AND HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME, A SEX CRIME OR CHILD ABUSE, THEN YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

1. To have explained in language easily understood, all legal proceedings and/or police investigations in which you may be involved.
2. To have a crime victim advocate from a crime victim/witness program present at any prosecutorial or defense interviews with the child victim.- This applies only if practical and the presence of the advocate does not cause any unnecessary delay in the investigation or prosecution of the case. The role of the advocate is to provide emotional support to the crime victim.
3. To be provided, whenever possible, a secure waiting area during court proceedings and to have an advocate or support person remain with you prior to and during any court proceedings.
4. To not have the names, addresses, nor photographs of the living child victim or witnesses disclosed by any law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, or state agency without the permission of the child victim, child witness, parents, or legal guardians to anyone except another law enforcement agency, prosecutor, defense counsel, or private or governmental agency that provides services to the child victim or witness.
5. To allow an advocate to make recommendations to the prosecuting attorney about the ability of the child to cooperate with the prosecution and the potential effect of the proceedings on the child.
6. To allow an advocate to provide information to the court concerning the child's ability to understand the nature of the proceedings.
7. To be provided information or appropriate referrals to social service agencies to assist the child and/or the child's family with the emotional impact of the crime, the subsequent investigation, and judicial proceedings in which the child is involved.
8. To allow an advocate to be present in court while the child testifies in order to provide emotional support for the child.
9. To provide information to the court while the child testifies in order to promote the child's feelings of security and safety.
10. To allow law enforcement agencies the opportunity to enlist the assistance of other professional personnel such as child protection services, victim advocates or prosecutorial staff trained in the interviewing of the child victim.