

KANSAS VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

- (1) Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and with respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
- (2) Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they have suffered.
- (3) Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in a civil cause of action, the crime victims compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanisms to obtain such remedies should be made available to victims.
- (4) Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of the proceedings.
- (5) The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the criminal process.
- (6) When the personal interests of victims are affected, the views or concerns of the victim should, when appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure, be brought to the attention of the court.
- (7) Measures may be taken when necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
- (8) Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose.
- (9) Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological and social assistance through existing programs and services.
- (10) Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

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KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION LAW

As a victim of a crime, you may be eligible for compensation for loss of earnings and out-of-pocket medical expenses as a direct result of the incident. In the event of the death of the victim, funeral, burial, or cremation expenses are reimbursable. Victims may also be eligible for crime scene clean-up, therapy, and/or grief counseling. Personal property loss is not covered, with the exception of clothing and bedding seized as evidence.



DISABILITY CRIME VICTIMS UNIT

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DRC's DISABILITY CRIME VICTIMS UNIT?



Any Kansan with a disability who has been a victim of a crime may be eligible to receive some type of advocacy services from the Disability Crime Victims Unit.



WHO IS THE DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER OF KANSAS?



EQUALITY ♦ LAW ♦ JUSTICE

The Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC) is a 501(c)3, non-profit agency providing free advocacy and civil legal representation to Kansans with disabilities since 1977.

EXAMPLES OF ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DISABILITY CRIME VICTIMS UNIT



➤ INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

- ♦ Information on victim rights, restitution, and the criminal justice process.
- ♦ Referral to other services, supports, and resources to assist crime victims. If we can't help you, we will try to find someone who can.

➤ PERSONAL ADVOCACY

- ♦ Intervention on behalf of crime victims to stabilize their lives after victimization; Advocacy and follow-up contact.

➤ CIVIL LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- ♦ Legal representation when the need for such service arises as a direct result of the victimization.

➤ NAVIGATING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ♦ Victim's impact statement assistance; assistance with restitution, etc.

The type of advocacy services provided will depend on the facts, the law, and our ability to obtain an effective outcome to the crime victim with a disability.

THE DISABILITY CRIME VICTIMS UNIT WILL:

- ♦ Educate you about your disability rights and disability issues
- ♦ Educate you about your rights as a crime victim
- ♦ Developing your individualized post- victimization objectives
- ♦ Provide you free advocacy services to address your objectives

