



CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Marsy's Law, the Ohio Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2017. The law affords victims of crime certain rights, some of which must be requested and some that are automatically in place.

If you are a victim of crime, you are AUTOMATICALLY entitled to:

- Be informed of your rights.
- Be treated with fairness and respect for your safety, dignity and privacy.
- Reasonable protection from the accused.
- Be informed about the status of the case.
- Refuse a defense interview, deposition or other discovery request unless ordered by the court.
- Object to defense requests for access to your confidential information.
- Be present at all public proceedings.
- Have a support person with you during proceedings.
- Tell the court your opinion in public proceedings involving hearings that involve victims' rights.
- Object to unreasonable delays.
- Full and timely restitution from the offender.



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If you are a victim of crime, you can request the right to:

- Have certain personal information removed from case records.
- Receive notice of the arrest, escape or release of the offender.
- Receive reasonable and timely notice of all public proceedings.
- Confer with the prosecutor at certain key points in the case.
- Be notified of subpoenas, motions and requests for your personal information.
- Appoint a victim representative.
- Have interpreter services when in contact with criminal justice officials.



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BILL OF RIGHTS,**
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NOTE: Ohio law requires law enforcement agencies to provide victims with a Victims' Rights Request Form.

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