

Services

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime in Chester County, please do not hesitate to contact our victim assistance office. We are here to assist and help you through this difficult time. You may reach our program at **803.581.5131**. When you call, please feel free to leave your name and a contact number where you may be reached.

Please note, all calls will be returned as soon as possible or as time permits.

Thank you in advance for your patience.



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Services Provided by Victim Advocate

The Chester County Sheriff's Office offers the following assistance to crime victims. Please note, the list below is not an all-inclusive list. Therefore, please contact the office for additional program information.

- Inform victims of their rights
- Make victim referrals as needed
- Provide crisis intervention
- Provide courtroom orientation and courtroom accompaniment upon request
- Assist victims with completing the Victim Impact Statement when not provided by the Solicitor's Office
- Provide victims with pertinent information regarding bond hearings, jail release, court hearings etc.
- Assist victims with filling out the crime victim compensation application
- Assist victims in obtaining Orders of Protection and Restraining Orders as needed
- Provide follow up to victims as warranted

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

“To preserve and protect victims’ rights to justice and due process regardless of race, sex, age, religion, or economic status, victims of crime have the right to:”

- be treated with fairness, respect and dignity;
- be free from intimidation or harm throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process;
- be informed about victim's rights;
- be reasonably informed about criminal proceedings;
- be informed if the accused is arrested, released, or escapes;
- confer with the prosecution before the case is heard in court;
- be present at criminal proceedings where the accused has the right to be present;
- be heard at proceedings affecting bond, bail, release, pleas or sentencing;
- have reasonable access to documents relating to the crime before trial;
- receive restitution from the adult or juvenile offenders;
- a reasonable, prompt and final conclusion of the case;

The penalty for violating the Victims' Bill of Rights is:

- Writ of mandamus, issued by Supreme Court or circuit court to require compliance
- A willful failure to comply with a writ of mandamus is punishable as contempt

**Excerpted from the Constitution of South
Carolina, Article 1, Section 24**

**(This is a condensed reference and is not intended to
substitute for the actual law.)**

COLLABORATION

The Chester County Sheriff's Office collaborates with other victim service agencies as needed to ensure that victims are assisted in putting the pieces of their lives back together after their victimization.

By collaborating with other agencies in the community and across the state, it provides an opportunity for further assessment. In addition, it also aids in addressing any special needs of the victims and their families.

