

- 2) Claim must be filed within three years unless good cause can be shown as to why the claim wasn't filed.
- 3) The victim must cooperate with law enforcement and prosecution efforts.
- 4) The victim must be the innocent victim of a violent crime who suffers personal injury or an intervenor who goes to the aid of another and is killed or injured.

The Victim Assistance Section of the Fort Worth Police Department can assist you in applying for benefits from Crime Victims' Compensation. Please call our office at 817-392-4390, or the Office of the Attorney General at 800-983-9933 for assistance.

### Information for Victims and Families:

#### Medical Treatment

All emergencies .....Dial 911  
 Cook Children's Hospital .....682-885-4000  
 Harris Methodist Hospital .....817-250-3333  
 John Peter Smith Hospital .....817-921-3431

#### Resource List - 24-Hour Numbers

Child Protective Services (reporting) 1-800-252-5400  
 Fort Worth Police Non-Emergency 817-335-4222  
 ICARE Call Center  
 (MHMR crisis hotline) .....817-335-3022  
 Rape Crisis & Victim Services  
 (crisis hotline) .....817-927-2737  
 SafeHaven of Tarrant County.....877-701-7233

#### Local Resources

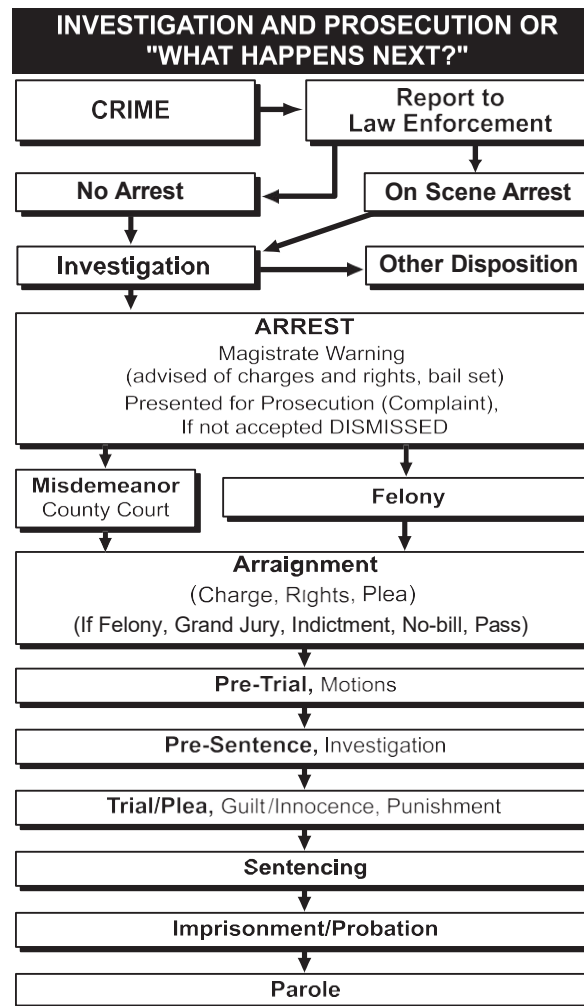
211 Texas(information & referral service).....1-877 541-7905 or 211  
 ACH-Child and Family Services.....817-335-4673  
 Crime Stoppers.....817-469-8477  
 Lawyer Referral Services.....817-336-4101  
 Legal Aid of Northwest Texas .....817-336-3943  
 One Safe Place .....817-916-4323  
 SafeHaven of Tarrant County  
 Counseling Center.....817-536-5496  
 The Women's Center of Tarrant County ..817-927-4039

#### Tarrant County District Attorney

Family Violence Unit .....817-884-3535  
 Protective Order Unit .....817-884-1623

#### Other Resources

Crime Victims' Compensation.....1-800-983-9933  
 National Domestic Violence Hotline .....1-800-799-SAFE  
 Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice  
 Victim Services.....1-800-848-4284



You may also contact the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office once a case has been filed.

**Tarrant County District Attorney's Office**  
**Victim Assistance**  
 401 W. Belknap St., 5<sup>th</sup> floor • Fort Worth, TX 76196-0201  
 817-884-2740

The Victim Assistance Section of the Fort Worth Police Department is available to assist you in obtaining case status information and information about victims' rights.



**Fort Worth Police Department**  
**Victim Assistance Section**  
 817-392-4390 (main) • 817-392-4396 (fax)  
 505 West Felix St. • Fort Worth, TX 76115

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# Fort Worth Police Department



## VICTIM ASSISTANCE

### An Assistance Program For Victims and Family Survivors of Violent Crimes

Fort Worth Police Department  
 Victim Assistance Section  
 817-392-4390  
 For Emergency Help Dial 911

## Victim Assistance Services

The Victim Assistance Section of the Fort Worth Police Department exists to provide assistance to crime victims and their families. Services include:

- Crisis intervention, crisis counseling
- Safety planning
- Criminal Justice Support & Advocacy
  - Criminal justice system information
  - Notification of rights
  - Referral to assigned detective
  - Emergency Protective Order notification
  - Case status information
- Information and referrals to local community resources and social services
- Notification and assistance in filing for Crime Victims' Compensation

## Rights of Crime Victims

As defined in Article 56, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, a victim of a violent crime is someone who: **(1)** "Victim" means a person who is the victim of the offense of sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, trafficking of persons, or injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual or who has suffered bodily injury or death as a result of the criminal conduct of another; **(2)** is the close relative (spouse, parent, brother, sister, or adult child) of a victim; or **(3)** is the guardian of a victim. A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights within the criminal justice system:

- 1) the right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;
- 2) the right to have the magistrate take the safety of the victim or his family into consideration as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused;
- 3) the right, if requested, to be informed:
  - A) of relevant court proceedings;
  - B) by an appellate court of decisions of the court;
- 4) the right to be informed regarding the defendant's right to bail and the general procedures in the criminal justice system;
- 5) the right to provide information for the presentencing investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim;
- 6) the right to receive information regarding compensation to victims of crime as provided by Subchapter B;
- 7) the right to be informed of parole procedures, to

participate in the parole process and be notified of the defendant's release;

- 8) the right to be provided with a waiting area, separate or secure from other witnesses, the offender and relatives of the offender, before testifying in any proceeding;
- 9) the right to prompt return of any property of the victim that is held by a law enforcement agency or the attorney for the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose;
- 10) the right to have the attorney for the state notify the employer of the victim, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation in a proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work;
- 11) the right to request victim-offender mediation coordinated by the victim services division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 12) the right to be informed of the uses of a victim impact statement and to have the victim impact statement considered:
  - A) by the attorney representing the state and the judge before sentencing or before a plea bargain agreement is accepted; and
  - B) by the Board of Pardons and Paroles before an inmate is released on parole;
- 13) for a victim of an assault or sexual assault who is younger than 17 years of age or whose case involves family violence, as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code, the right to have the court consider the impact on the victim of a continuance requested by the defendant.

## Additional Rights Specific to Sexual Assault Victims

**As defined in Article 56, if requested, the victim of a sexual assault has the right to:**

- Information regarding any evidence that was collected during the investigation of that offense (unless that disclosure would jeopardize that criminal case);
- The status of any analysis on evidence collected in the case;
- Notification of crime laboratory testing, DNA CODIS requests for comparison, and any CODIS hits (unless the latter would jeopardize the criminal case);
- AIDS and/or HIV counseling; testing for AIDS, HIV, etc; and a forensic medical exam;
- Use a pseudonym, on public facing police report and databases and in legal proceeding regarding offense;
- Have an advocate from a sexual assault program present

with you during the law enforcement investigative/follow up interviews.

**For additional information about your rights contact 817-392-4390.**

## Crime Victims' Compensation

Crime Victim's Compensation is a division of the Texas Attorney General's Office created to help victims of violent crime with certain expenses.

### Available Benefits

Crime Victims' Compensation may be available to pay the amount of expense reasonably and necessarily incurred for:

- 1) medical, hospital, nursing, or psychiatric care or counseling, or physical therapy;
- 2) actual loss of past earnings and anticipated loss of future earnings and necessary travel expenses because of:
  - a) a disability resulting from the personal injury
  - b) the receipt of medically indicated services related to the disability resulting from the personal injury; or
  - c) participation in or attendance at investigative, prosecutorial, or judicial processes related to the criminally injurious conduct and participation in or attendance at any post-conviction or post adjudication proceeding related to criminally injurious conduct;
- 3) Cause of a child or dependent;
- 4) Funeral and burial expenses;
- 5) Loss of support to a dependent;
- 6) Reasonable and necessary costs of cleaning the crime scene;
- 7) Reasonable replacement costs for clothing, bedding, or property of the victim seized as evidence or rendered unusable as a result of the criminal investigation; and
- 8) Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by a victim of family violence or a victim of sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

***Reimbursement for property damage or loss is not an eligible expense.***

## In order to qualify for Crime Victims' Compensation:

- 1) The crime must be reported to law enforcement within a reasonable amount of time unless there are justified extraordinary circumstances.

