

## Critical Stages

Critical Stages of the Criminal Justice Process are identified as follows:

- Filing of charges, or the decision not to file charges
- Preliminary hearing
- Any bond reduction or modification hearing
- Arraignment
- Motions Hearing
- Disposition Hearing
- Trial
- Any subpoena for a victim's mental health, medical, education or victim compensation records
- Sentencing
- Modification of Sentence
- Appellate Review

To ensure that you receive notification of the status of the offender, please contact the jail and provide them with all contact information. You may also check the County Jail Website for Inmate information regarding bond, charges and court hearings.

Jefferson County Jail	303-271-5444
Adams County Jail	303-654-1850
VINE	888-263-8463

If you are the victim of domestic violence and are in need of emergency services or Safehouse services, please contact:

Women In Crisis	303-420-6752
Denver Safehouse	303-318-3389
Boulder Progressive Alliance	303-449-8623
United Way Help Line	211

Law Enforcement based Victim Advocates are not protected by confidentiality. This means that any information provided to advocates that pertains to a criminal case must be reported to the investigating officer. Victim Advocates are required by law to report any incidents of child abuse or elder abuse.

Westminster Police Non-Emergency Dispatch	303-658-4360
Westminster Police Records	303-658-4380

## Obtaining Police Reports

Colorado State law allows for victims of crimes covered under the Victims' Rights Amendment to receive a copy of the initial police report for free. Victims may contact the Police Records Division at 303-658-4380 to inquire if the report they are requesting is available for release. Under state law, not all police reports are able to be released.

*If you feel your rights have not been upheld:*

Contact the person you feel has not provided you with your rights and explain what has not been done or seek assistance from your victim advocate or counselor. You may also seek assistance from the official of the agency you feel is not providing your rights. Colorado state law provides that affected persons may enforce compliance with the provision of the Constitutional Amendment by notifying the Governor's Victims' Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee at:

The Department of Public Safety  
Division of Criminal Justice  
Office for Victims Program  
700 Kipling Street Ste 1000  
Denver, Colorado 80215-4442  
303-239-4442  
1-888-282-1080  
Toll Free

For more information about your rights as a crime victim, please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/dcj-victim-program/home/victim-rights>

Westminster Police Department  
Victim Services Unit  
9110 Yates Street  
Westminster, CO 80031



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*Important  
Information  
for Crime  
Victims*

City of  
Westminster  
Police  
Department  
Victim  
Services Unit

Tel: 303-658-4210

## *Victims' Rights*

Colorado Revised Statutes Title 24 Article 4.1 guarantees certain rights to victims of the following crimes ~

- Murder, manslaughter, or homicide
- Vehicular homicide or assault
- Assault—1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- Sexual assault on an adult or child
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Unlawful sexual contact 18-3-404
- Invasion of privacy for Sexual Gratification
- Robbery
- Incest
- Child Abuse
- Crimes against At-Risk Persons
- Crimes involving domestic violence
- Careless Driving resulting in death
- Hit and Run resulting in death
- Harassment by stalking
- Ethnic intimidation
- Tampering with a victim or witness
- Retaliation against a victim or Witness
- Intimidation of a witness or victim
- Indecent Exposure
- Violation of a protection order in a sexual assault case.
- Intimidating a witness or victim.
- Indecent Exposure
- Any bias motivated crime
- First degree burglary
- Retaliation against a judge or juror
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Human trafficking, adults & children
- Retaliation against a prosecutor

**For a complete list of the rights afforded to crime victims, see Colorado CRS 24-4.1-302.5**

The **rights of crime victims includes, but is not limited to the following:**

- To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.
- To be informed of all, and present for some, critical stages of the criminal justice process.
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, and to be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of a crime, or anyone acting on the person's behalf.
- When any person attempting defense initiated victim outreach contacts any victim of any crime, the person shall immediately provide full and unambiguous disclosure of the person's legal name and the fact that the person is acting as an agent for the defense team of the accused.
- Notification of any change in the status of the accused to include bond.
- To be heard at any court proceeding that involves a bond reduction or modification, the acceptance of a negotiated plea agreement or sentencing, or any modification of sentence.
- To the release of property after the case is settled and it is no longer needed as evidence.
- Notification of all case dispositions including appeals.

Victim Services can help you by providing information about your criminal case and helping you understand the criminal justice system process. Victim Services can also provide crisis intervention, emergency resources and information and applications for Victims Compensation, community referrals and emotional support. Please feel free to contact the Westminster Police Department Victim Services Unit at 303-658-4210.

## *Crime Victim Compensation*

Victim Compensation is a monetary fund for victims of crime. Funds can help with the replacement of doors, locks or windows that were damaged during a criminal incident; medical expenses, or mental health counseling needed as a result of a criminal incident. All incidents need to be reported to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours of the crime. Victim Compensation is an application process and awards cannot be guaranteed. To receive an application or for further questions please contact the Victim Services Unit for application assistance.

### *Protection Orders in Criminal Cases C.R.S. 18-1-1001*

In a criminal case, the judge can issue a protective order directing the defendant to refrain from any contact with the victim. These orders can exclude the defendant from the home, restrain them from direct and indirect contact, prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs, prohibit the possession of firearms and anything else the court deems appropriate. These orders do not cover care and control of minor children. Violations should be reported to local law enforcement. These orders are in effect for the duration of the criminal justice process.

Civil Restraining orders to prevent domestic abuse may be obtained with the assistance of the following non-profit organizations.

Adams County  
Project Safeguard 303-637-7761

Jefferson County  
Women in Crisis 303-420-0412

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