# Kentucky Crime Victims’ Rights**[[1]](#endnote-1)**

## What rights do I have as a crime victim?

### You have the right to receive available **information** regarding:

* Protective, emergency, social, and medical services.
* Obtaining assistance from a victim advocate.
* Community-based treatment programs.
* Where applicable, restitution and crime victim compensation.
* Registration and notification of when a person has been released from a prison, jail, juvenile detention facility, psychiatric facility or, under limited circumstances, a forensic psychiatric facility.
* How to be protected from intimidation, harassment, or retaliation.
* The Victim, Witness, and Family Protection Program.
* Obtaining protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts.
* Upon request, assistance in informing employers that the need for victim or witness cooperation in the prosecution of the case may necessitate absences from work.

### You have the right to receive **notifications** regarding:

* Defendant’s release on bond and any special conditions of release.
* Charges filed against the Defendant.
* The Defendant’s pleading to the charges.
* Trial date (including any changes).
* Trial verdict.
* A scheduled hearing for shock probation or bail pending appeal and any resulting orders.
* Changes in custody of the Defendant.
* Sentencing date, and any Parole Board hearings held for the Defendant.
* Any proceedings you are required to attend and prompt notification of any scheduled changes that affect your appearance.
* The right to submit a victim impact statement upon conviction.
* The right to have the Attorney General notify you if an appeal of the conviction is pursued by the Defendant.
* The right to prompt return of property held for evidentiary purposes unless there is a compelling reason for retaining it.

### You have the right to **consultation** on the case disposition, including:

* Case dismissal.
* Release of the Defendant, pending judicial proceedings.
* Any conditions of release or a negotiated plea.
* Defendant’s entry into a Pre-trial Diversion Program.
1. Taken from the Kentucky Attorney General’s website, <https://www.ag.ky.gov/Resources/Victim-Resources/Pages/crime-victims-rights.aspx>. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)