

Jefferson County Victim Assistance

We will provide:

- INFORMATION about the status of your court case via letters and phone calls.
- INFORM victims of crime of their rights.
- NOTICE of court proceedings, including changes.
- INFORMATION and explanation about criminal proceedings.
- ORIENTATION to the courtroom setting.
- COMPANION to attend court with you and provide emotional support.
- ASSISTANCE applying for financial compensation for victims of violent crime.
- PRIVATE WAITING AREA prior to your court appearance.
- ASSISTANCE if you are intimidated, harassed or afraid.
- ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT with any problems that you may be having as a result of the crime itself or court appearances.
- REFERRAL to social service agencies, counselors and others who can assist you with personal problems.
- ASSISTANCE with Crime Victims' Compensation applications -applications can be downloaded at www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/comp.htm
- 24-Hour on call response for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

No one expects to be a victim of crime. But it happens.

If you or someone close to you is affected by crime, you may be shocked, angered, or shamed. And you may feel helpless and confused.

The criminal justice system has traditionally ignored the special needs of victims while concentrating on protecting the rights of the accused. But the tide is changing.

The Victim Assistance Program is here to offer crime victims emotional support during the aftermath of crime and guidance through the maze of the criminal justice system.

FINANCIAL COMPENSATION

If you are a victim of a violent (not property) crime, you may be eligible for victim compensation for out-of-pocket expenses such as medical, counseling, lost wages, and funeral costs. You must apply within one year after the crime. There does not have to be an arrest in the case to apply for compensation. Call the Victim Assistance Program in your county of residence for details.