



# MARSY'S LAW

California Victims' Bill of Rights  
California Constitution, Article 1,  
Section 28(b)

The California Constitution confers certain rights to victims of crime. **These rights include:**

- Fairness and respect
- Protection from the defendant
- Safety considerations in setting bail and release conditions
- The prevention of disclosure of confidential information
- Refusal to be interviewed by the defense
- Conference with prosecution and notice of pretrial disposition
- Notice of and presence at public proceedings
- Appearance at court proceedings and expression of views
- Speedy trial and prompt conclusion of the case
- Provide information and recommendations to probation
- Receipt of pre-sentence report
- Conviction, sentence, incarceration, release, and escape information
- Restitution
- Prompt return of property
- Notice of parole procedures and release on parole
- Safety of the victim and public as factors in parole release
- Notice of these rights

For a complete list of Marsy's Law Rights, please visit our website or contact our office and ask to speak to a Victim Services Specialist.

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If you or someone close to you was injured or threatened with injury in a violent crime, CalVCB **may help pay certain crime-related expenses.** There are certain limitations, but here are some examples of covered expenses:

- Crime scene clean up
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Victim disability home modifications
- Victim disability vehicle modifications
- Medical and dental treatment
- Mental health services
- Residential security
- Income loss
- Relocation



## DIVISION of VICTIM SERVICES

"A victim's voice will be heard."

EMPOWERING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME THROUGH ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT SINCE 1980



## ABOUT THE DIVISION OF VICTIM SERVICES

This informational pamphlet is intended for survivors, victims, and witnesses of crime who are seeking guidance, support, or compensation during or after the criminal justice process.

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# HOW WE HELP VICTIMS OF CRIME

Victim Services is a division of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office designated to ensure that victims are informed and supported throughout the criminal justice process.

Victim Services Specialists work closely with prosecutors and are specially trained and educated to help many people including, but not limited to children, elders, disabled persons, violent crime victims, survivors, and witnesses. The Division of Victim Services exists to provide assistance throughout the court process and help you access to resources and referrals.

## OUR SERVICES

Following victimization, the process of navigating the court system can be difficult and stressful.

Many victims are not aware of how and where they might find services such as therapy, support groups, and emergency assistance.

### Some of our services include:

- Help navigating the criminal justice system
- Attaining status information about your case
- Providing information about local resources, counseling referrals, emergency assistance, and ongoing support as you learn to cope
- Court accompaniment
- Assistance completing and filing applications for crime victim compensation; things like funeral or burial expenses, medical care, therapy, and relocation
- Help you learn about your rights as a victim

**Please call our office and speak to a Victim Services Specialist. We will assist you in any ways we can.**



At some point in the next few months, or even as soon as the next few days, you may experience one or more of the following symptoms.

## THESE ARE NORMAL REACTIONS TO STRESS FOLLOWING A TRAUMATIC EVENT

The key to managing stress in your situation is to recognize these common symptoms and **seek help** when needed.

### PHYSICAL

Change in Appetite  
Digestive Problems  
Over- or Underactive  
Fatigue / Exhaustion  
Sleep Disturbance  
Insomnia  
Nightmares  
Headaches  
Nausea  
Physical Difficulties

### EMOTIONAL

Emotional numbness  
Over-sensitivity  
Hopelessness  
Depression  
Frustration  
Irritability  
Anxiety  
Anger  
Guilt  
Fear

### COGNITIVE

Lacking concentration  
Indecisiveness  
Memory disturbances  
Poor problem-solving  
Change in alertness  
Forgetfulness  
Flashbacks  
Confusion  
Lacking trust

### BEHAVIORAL

Change in activity  
Communication changes  
Easily / Overly startled  
Emotional outbursts  
Difficulty sitting still  
Sexual behavior changes  
Hyper-alertness  
Suspiciousness  
Withdrawal