

VICTIMS OF CRIME Code of Virginia 19.2-11.01

A victim of crime is anyone who has suffered physical, psychological, or economic harm as a direct result of a felony or certain misdemeanors.

The definition of victim includes:

- Spouses and children of all victims.
- Parents, guardians and siblings of minor victims.
- Parents, guardians and siblings of mentally or physically incapacitated victims or victims of homicide.
- Foster parents or other caregivers, under certain circumstances.

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS Virginia Constitution Article I, Section 8-1

- The right to protection from further harm or reprisal through the imposition of appropriate bail and conditions of release.
- The right to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness at all stages of the criminal justice system.
- The right to address the Court at the time sentence is imposed.
- The right to restitution.
- The right to be advised of release from custody or escape of the offender, whether before or after disposition.
- The right to confer with the prosecutor.

Additional Victim Assistance Services

Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund
1-800-552-4007

Mothers Against Drunk Driving
1-800-323-6233

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

Victim Assistance INFO-LINE
1-888-887-3418

Virginia Adult Protective Services Hotline
1-888-832-3858

Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
1-800-552-7096

Virginia Family Violence and
Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-838-8238

Virginia Parole Board
804-674-3081



*Striving to continuously improve
advocacy and support for crime victims
and survivors.*

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Commonwealth of Virginia DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Victim Services Unit 1-800-560-4292

6900 Atmore Drive
Richmond, VA 23225

Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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Telephone: 804-674-3243
Toll Free: 800-560-4292
Fax: 804-674-3054

E-mail: victimservices@vadoc.virginia.gov
www.vadoc.virginia.gov

VICTIM SERVICES

- **Advocacy** on behalf of crime victims
- **Notification** of offender transfer, release date, death, name change, work release status, escape and recapture
- **Notification** of offender's parole interview and decision
- **Accompaniment** to executions
- **Explanation** of incarceration, probation, parole and reentry processes
- Provide victims with local **referrals** and **information**
- **Training, education**, and public awareness initiatives on behalf of victims of crime
- Victim/Offender Dialogue (**VOD**) Program

INFORMATION

Victim Information and Notification
Everyday (VINE)
1-800-467-4943
www.vinelink.com

*VINE is only for informational purposes, you must register with Department of Corrections Victim Services Unit for notification.

The VINE system is a free, 24-hour, anonymous service that provides victims of crime information about offenders who are in the custody of the Virginia Department of Corrections. The system provides notifications of anticipated release date, offender location and parole status if the offender is parole eligible. For offender information, call the toll free number and follow the prompts.

This program is designed to provide you with quick and easy access to information and to assist you in preparing for an offender's release.

NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT

**Enrollment is NOT automatic,
participation is voluntary.**

To enroll for notification services provided by the Virginia Department of Corrections, please follow these easy steps:

1. Fill out the Victim Services Unit VICTIM NOTIFICATION form. This form can be found at www.vadoc.virginia.gov or by calling 800-560-4292.
2. You can submit the form to the Victim Services Unit by **fax** to 804-674-3054 or by **mail** to 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, VA 23225.
3. Notify the Victim Services Unit each time your address, phone number or email changes. The program cannot notify you of the offender's status if you do not report changes in your contact information.

Upon receiving your notification form, the Victim Services Unit will contact you by mail. If you wish to discontinue your participation in the program, please submit your request in writing.

Please note, if the offender is housed in a local jail, you will also have to register with the jail in order to receive timely notification on transfers, escapes, work release and releases.

**PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE 19.2-11.2
YOU MAY REQUEST THAT THIS
INFORMATION BE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL . SEE THE
NOTIFICATION FORM FOR DETAILS.**

OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

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Once the court process is complete, the offender will be brought into the Department of Corrections based on when their final court order is received. At a reception and classification facility, the offender will be evaluated, tested, interviewed, and classified to a security level. Once the assessment is complete, the offender will receive an institutional assignment. The offender's good conduct earning level, treatment/programs, security level and institutional assignment will be re-evaluated during the annual review or as needed.

TIME CALCULATION

Offenders who committed felony offenses on or after January 1, 1995 can earn a maximum of 4.5 days for each 30 days served. Many factors can go into determining an offender's release date. It is common for the offender to only serve a percentage of the court ordered sentence.

VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

As a victim of crime you can address the Parole Board if you have concerns regarding geriatric release and discretionary parole of a parole eligible offender. Offenders who committed felony offenses or a combination of felony and misdemeanor offenses before January 1, 1995 are eligible for parole consideration. For more information contact the Parole Board at 804-674-3081 or visit <http://vadoc.virginia.gov/vpb/>.

RESTITUTION

If restitution is ordered, payments will likely not begin before the offender is released from incarceration. Once the person has been released each court in each county has various ways in which the payments are collected and disbursed to victims. If you have questions about this please contact your local Victim Witness or Commonwealth's Attorney's office.