

*Services Provided by
Waseca County General
Crime Victims Office*

- ◇ *24 hours a day, 7 days a week, call 507-835-9759*
- ◇ *Assistance in understanding the legal process and court procedures*
- ◇ *Assistance with law enforcement and/or hospital staff*
- ◇ *Assistance in understanding and exercising your rights*
- ◇ *Assistance in seeking restitution for economic loss or harm resulting from a crime*
- ◇ *Assistance and information for obtaining Harassment Restraining Orders*
- ◇ *Assistance with transportation for court related services*
- ◇ *Referrals to other agencies and organizations providing victim services*
- ◇ *Presentations are available to educate the community*

Additional Services for Victims

- Waseca City/County Attorney
(507) 835-0520
- Waseca Police Department
(507) 835-2120
- Waseca Sheriff's Department
(507) 835-0500
- Janesville Police Department
(507) 234-5111
- New Richland Police Department
(507) 465-3240
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
1-888-575-2954

If you are a crime victim or witness and you believe your rights have been violated, call:

Crime Victim Justice Unit

(651) 205-4823

1-800-247-0390

TTY: 1-800-205-4827



Waseca County General Crime Victims Office

**Our mission is to
provide
professional and
confidential
services for
general crime
victims in
Waseca County.**

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Who can benefit from Waseca County General Crime Victims Services?

Waseca County General Crime Victims Office provides personal advocacy and referrals to all general crime victims within Waseca County whether prosecution takes place or not..

What should you expect from Waseca County General Crime Victims Services?

If you are the victim of a crime, you can expect to receive information and referrals to address concerns specific to your situation. Referrals are also made to appropriate agencies for counseling and emergency services.

In addition, you will be instructed on what to expect from the court system. Minnesota laws provide all victims of a crime with specific rights as listed in state statute chapter 611A. You will be informed of your rights and will be offered assistance in taking advantage of those rights.

You are welcome to call anytime. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Your Rights as a Crime Victim or Witness:

Right to be notified of:

- ◇ Victim Rights;
- ◇ Content of plea bargain agreements;
- ◇ Changes in the scheduling of court proceedings: including the date, time, and place of sentencing;
- ◇ Decision not to prosecute a harassment case;
- ◇ Release or transfer, or escape and apprehension of offender from prison or institution;
- ◇ Final disposition;
- ◇ Any Pending appeals;
- ◇ Sentence modifications

Right to participate in prosecution:

- ◇ Right to inform court of impact of crime at pretrial and sentencing hearings;
- ◇ Right to have input in pretrial diversion programs for crimes against persons;
- ◇ Right to object to a plea bargain;
- ◇ Right to request a speedy trial;
- ◇ Right to bring a supportive person to pretrial hearing;
- ◇ Right to receive restitution;
- ◇ Right to attend sentencing hearing;
- ◇ Right to give written objections to proposed disposition or final sentence;
- ◇ Right to request a probation review hearing

Right to protection from harm:

- ◇ Tampering with a witness is a crime in Minnesota and should be reported. If you are threatened, coerced, or feel pressured, call your local law enforcement agency immediately and notify the prosecutor.
- ◇ Employers may not discipline or dismiss victims or witnesses who are called to testify in court.
- ◇ Right to request that your address is withheld in open court
- ◇ Right to a secure waiting area during court
- ◇ Right to request law enforcement to withhold your identity from the public

Right to apply for financial assistance:

- ◇ Victims may be eligible for financial assistance from the state if they have suffered an economic loss as a result of a violent crime
- ◇ Victims may request the court to order the defendant to pay restitution

