

As a Victim/Survivor of crime, you have the following rights –

The Right to Information

The Right to Protection

The Right to Participation

The Right to Seek Restitution

The Right to Make a Complaint

When do a Victim's rights apply?

Victims have rights at all stages of the criminal process, including:

1. When an offence is being investigated or prosecuted
2. When the offender is subject to the corrections or conditional release process
3. When the accused is subject to a court or review board's jurisdiction if he is found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible due to a mental disorder.

Who has Victim Rights?

The Canadian Victims Bill of Rights (CVBR) defines a victim as an individual who has suffered physical

or emotional harm, economic loss or property damage as a result of a crime committed in Canada.

All victims may exercise their rights under the CVBR while they are in Canada. If a victim is deceased or is unable to act on their own behalf, the following people may act on the victim's behalf

- The victim's spouse
- An individual who had been living with the victim as their common law partner for at least one year at the time of the crime
- A relative or dependant of the victim
- Anyone who has custody of the victim or of the victim's dependant.



VICTIMS RIGHTS

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1. THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Victims have the right to ask for information about the justice system, services available to them, and

information about the progress of their case and the status of the person who harmed them.

2. THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION

Victims have the right to have their security and privacy considered, to have reasonable and necessary protection from intimidation and retaliation, and to ask that their identity not be publicly released.

3. THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION

Victims have the right to present victim impact statements and have them considered. Victims' views about decisions that affect their

rights will also need to be considered.

4. THE RIGHT TO SEEK RESTITUTION

Victims have the right to have the court consider making a restitution order for their financial losses and to have any unpaid amount enforced through a civil court.

5. THE RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Victims may file a complaint if they are in the option that their rights under the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights have been infringed or denied by a Federal Agency or

Department during their interaction with the Canadian Criminal Justice System.

To learn more about victim's rights please visit: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/victims-victimes/rights-droits/victim.html>

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