

- Children's Recovery Center
(843) 448-3400
- Grand Strand Community Against Rape
(843) 448-3180/
(843) 448-RAPE 24 hr. Crisis Line
- Citizens Against Spouse Abuse (CASA)
(843) 626-7595
(843) 488-2333 Family Court Advocate
(843) 448-6206 24 hr Crisis Line
(call collect if needed)
- Horry County Police
(843) 248-1521
- Conway Municipal Courthouse
(843) 248-1765
- J. Reuben Long Detention Center
Victim Services
(843) 915-6914
- Horry County Courthouse
(843) 915-5000
- Horry County Family Court
(843) 915-5000
- Horry County Solicitor Victim/ Witness
Assistance Program
(843) 915-5000
- Department of Social Service
(843) 915-4700
- Waccamaw Center for Mental Health
(843) 347-4888
- Department of Juvenile Justice
(843) 915-5000

State-wide Telephone Numbers

Crime Victim Ombudsman
803-734-0357

State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) -
Compensation
803-734-1900 OR 800-220-5370

SC Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN)
803-750-1200 OR 888-TLC-1900
WWW.SCVAN.ORG

SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA)
803-750-1222 OR 800-260-9293

S.C. Department of Corrections, Office of
Victim Assistance
803-734-9367 OR 800-835-0304

S.C. Department of Probation, Parole, and
Pardon Services
Office of Victim Services 803-734-9367 OR
888-551-4118

S.C. Juvenile Parole Board, Office of Victim
Assistance
803-737-7762

Conway Police Department

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE



Under the provisions of State Statute 16-3-1515, a victim or witness who wishes to exercise his or her rights under this article or receive services under this article or both must provide a law enforcement agency, a prosecuting agency, a summary court judge, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, the Board of Juvenile Parole, or the Department of Juvenile Justice, as appropriate, his legal name, current mailing address, and current telephone number.

The Conway Police Department is dedicated to assist and provide services to victims and witnesses of crime. This is accomplished through our Victims Assistance Program. Our goal is to insure that victims and witnesses are given as much assistance as our agency can provide.

Victim Assistance Program Services

- Information and explanation about the criminal justice system and its procedures.
- Ensure that the rights of all victims are being met.
- Notification of the court schedule and the status of each case.
- Orientation to Courtroom procedures and setting.
- Accompaniment to court, during, and after the trial or plea, or for post-sentencing hearings.
- Moral and emotional support before, during, and after the trial or plea, or for post-sentencing hearings.
- Assist eligible victim in preparing Victim Compensation forms and processing with the Division of Victim's Assistance.
- Assist victims in preparing and obtaining an Order of Protection.
- Property recovery assistance for items being held as evidence by the police.
- Employment intervention to explain time missed from work due to any court appearances.
- Referrals to Social Service Agencies, counselors, or others who can assist with emergency needs or personal problems.
- Assistance with any victim's problems or anxieties resulting from the crime.

What are your rights as a victim or witness of a crime?

- Right to be treated with dignity and compassion.
- Right to be protected from intimidation and harm.
- Right to be informed concerning the criminal justice process.
- Right to restitution and compensation.
- Right to preservation of property and employment.
- Right to due process in criminal court proceedings.
- Right to special recognition and attention to the very young, elderly, who are handicapped or who have special needs, by all criminal justice, medical, and social service agencies.
- Right to be notified of an offender's arrest or detention.
- Right to be informed when an offender is released, escapes, or is transferred.
- Right to attend a bond hearing and make recommendations.
- Right to attend court proceedings.
- Right to be informed of court room procedures.
- Right to have personal property taken recovered or returned expeditiously.
- Right to be informed of the status and progress of the case.



??FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS??

What to do about restitution?

A victim must provide to the Solicitor's Office or to the Court a list of the property that was stolen, damaged, destroyed, or recovered; medical expenses; income lost as a result of the crime; other expenses caused by the crime; and any financial recovery from insurance or compensation. This may be included in a written impact statement.

What if I am harassed or threatened?

Immediately contact the appropriate Police Department.

What is an Order of Protection?

An order of protection is issued to protect the victim of domestic violence from the abuse of another household member.

Where can I get a copy of the report?

A copy of the police report can be obtained free of charge to the victim at the Conway Police Department's Administration Office.

Who is eligible for services?

A victim: a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of a criminal act. Includes: the person's spouse, parent, child, or a representative of a victim who is deceased; a minor; incapable; or physically or psychologically disabled. Does not include: someone who is under investigation, charged with a crime, or convicted of a crime.

A witness: a person who has been or expected to be summoned to testify.