

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

RESOURCES



CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS



Crime Committed



Police Notified



Police Investigate



Police Make an Arrest or Request for Warrant



Warrant Review by Prosecutor/Signed by Judge



Suspect Arrested (if not already in Custody)
Summons Issued



District Court Arraignment



Felony

Misdemeanor

- Probable Cause Hearing
- Preliminary Exam
- Circuit Court Arraignment
- Pre-Trial Conference
- Trial (Jury/Bench)

- Pre-Trial
- Trial



Sentencing



Appeal

Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline

855-VOICES4 (855-864-2374)

Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

517-381-8470
mcedsv.org

National Center for Victims of Crime

202-467-8700
victimsofcrime.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE (7233)
TTY 800-787-3224
thehotline.org

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888
humantraffickinghotline.org

National Elder Fraud Hotline

833-FRAUD-11 (833-372-8311)

Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan Victim Rights Unit

517-334-6060
michiganprosecutor.org/programs/victim-rights

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

National Helpline 877-662-HELP (800-622-4357)
TTY Helpline 800-487-4889
samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

This chart gives a simplified view of case-flow in the criminal justice system. Procedures vary among jurisdictions.

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIMINAL TRIALS AND APPEALS DIVISION

mi.gov/crimevictimrights
313-456-0180

MICHIGAN CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT

In Michigan, a victim is an individual who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime.

The [Michigan Constitution](#) and the [Crime Victim Rights Act \(MCL 780.751\)](#) grants you certain rights:

- To be treated with fairness and respect of your dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- To be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- To a timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- To notification of court proceedings.
- To attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.
- To confer with the prosecution.
- To make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- To restitution.
- To information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.



HOW WE CAN HELP

Victim Advocates provide comprehensive services to assist victims through the criminal justice system.

Victim Advocates are here to:

- Provide court notification
- Provide crisis intervention
- Provide community referrals
- Assist with filing Crime Victim Compensation
- Accompany victims to court
- Prepare for testimony
- Offer restitution information and assistance
- Coordinate travel arrangements

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Crime Victim Compensation

Crime Victim Compensation helps pay out-of-pocket medical expenses, lost earnings, funeral bills or counseling for people who suffer physical injury as a direct result of a crime.

Crime Victim Services Commission

517-373-7373
Victims only toll free
877-251-7373
Fax: 517-373-2439
mi.gov/crimevictims

MI-Vine

MI-Vine is a statewide program that provides information and notification of offender custody status and court event information. (Register for court events in the county the crime occurred.)

800-770-7657
TTY: 866-847-1298
vinelink.com

ADVOCATES

- General Criminal Questions: 313-456-0040
- Clergy Abuse & Boy Scouts of America Investigations: 517-241-3001
- Criminal Child Support: 517-335-7560
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault: 517-927-2957
- Elder Abuse: 517-335-7560
- Human Trafficking : 313-456-0131

All services are free of charge. The Department of Attorney General does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability.

Michigan Department of Corrections Victim Services

Offers support services to crime victims after an offender's conviction.

517-373-4467
Toll-Free:
877-886-5401
Fax: 517-241-0536
TTY: 800-649-3777
mi.gov/corrections

