

RESOURCES AND PHONE NUMBERS

ANDROSCOGGIN DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Lewiston 753-2500

AROOSTOOK DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Caribou 498-2557
Houlton 532-4294
Presque Isle 764-0504

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Portland 871-8384

FRANKLIN DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Farmington 778-5890

HANCOCK DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Ellsworth 667-4621

KENNEBEC DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Augusta 623-1156

KNOX DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Rockland 594-0424

LINCOLN DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Wiscasset 882-7312

OXFORD DISTRICT ATTORNEY
South Paris 743-8282

PENOBSCOT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Bangor 942-8552

PISCATAQUIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Dover-Foxcroft 564-2181

SAGADAHOC DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Bath 443-8204

SOMERSET DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Skowhegan 474-2423

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WALDO DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Belfast 338-2512

WASHINGTON DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Machias 255-4425
Calais 454-3159

YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Alfred 324-8001
Biddeford 282-3006
Springvale 324-1174
York 351-1964

PORTLAND POLICE
874-8519

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Augusta 626-8800

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCEHOTLINE**
1-800-799-SAFE

**MAINE COALITION
AGAINST SEXUAL
ASSAULT**
1-800-877-7741

**MAINE DEPT. OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES**
1-800-452-1999

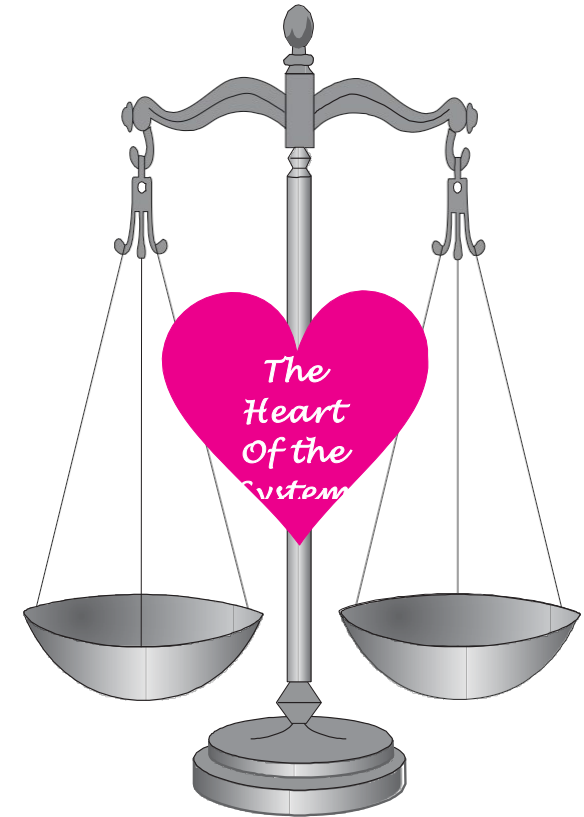
**MAINE VICTIM'S
COMPENSATION PROGRAM**
1-800-903-7882

U.S. ATTORNEY
1-800-984-6377

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Victim Information
1-800-968-6909

Victim Witness Services
State House Station #111
Augusta, Maine 04333

VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES



**MAINE
ASSOCIATION
of
VICTIM WITNESS
ADVOCATES**


A WORD ABOUT VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS


Experiencing or witnessing a crime can be overwhelming and confusing. We are here to help.


Victim Witness Assistance Programs provide support to victims and witnesses who are involved in the criminal justice system. Victim Witness Advocates, Victim Witness Coordinators, and Trial Assistants can explain your rights, help you understand the process, and provide options and resources.


If you wish to receive all the services to which you are entitled as a crime victim, make sure to contact the Victim Witness Assistance staff for the county where the crime occurred using the information on the back of this brochure. It is important to make sure that the District Attorney's Office has the most up-to-date contact information to be able to reach you.


SERVICES PROVIDED


 Information about the court process.


 Information about victims' rights.


 Assistance applying for victims' compensation.


 Notification for court hearings, trials, and sentencing.

 Support for preparing to testify and/or making a Victim Impact Statement.

 Support within the court system on behalf of victims of crime.

 Referrals for State and local resources available to address basic needs and promote healing.

 Assistance with return of property and/or preparing restitution claims.

 Filing notification of release requests with the Department of Corrections and/or county correctional facilities.





WITNESS GUIDELINES


1. Always tell the truth.
2. Be prepared to tell what happened, but don't try to memorize your testimony.
3. Listen carefully to the question and think before answering. If you don't understand the question, ask for it to be repeated or explained.
4. Do not guess. If you don't understand the question, ask for it to be repeated or explained.
5. Speak loudly and clearly.
6. Look at the person asking the questions while you are testifying.
7. Stop speaking if the Judge interrupts or if an attorney objects to a question.
8. Be courteous. Don't argue with an attorney, even if he/she acts discourteously or offensively.
9. Dress neatly and appropriately.
10. Stay calm.


VICTIM'S RIGHTS


VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BASIC RIGHTS:

 To be notified of plea agreements before they are submitted to the court and to be able to comment on them.


 To be notified of the time and place of trial and sentencing.


 To be notified of the proposed dismissal or filing of a complaint, information, or indictment before the action is taken.


 To participate at sentencing by making a Victim Impact Statement or submitting a written Victim Impact Statement with the court.

 To be notified of the final outcome for cases involving serious physical trauma or serious financial loss.

 To request restitution.

 To request financial assistance from the Victims' Compensation Board for unreimbursed medical expenses for victims of violent crimes.

 To request notification of defendant's release from institutional confinement.

 To be offered this pamphlet outlining Maine's crime victim rights provisions.