

## How does the Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic help Crime Victims?

The Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic provides *free* legal representation to crime victims when victims' rights issues are at stake. We are available to serve victims of all types of crime throughout Utah.

### The Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic:



- Provides free legal services to crime victims in criminal district, justice, juvenile and appellate courts
- Recruits and trains pro bono attorneys and law students to provide legal services to victims
- Provides education to criminal justice professionals about victims' rights

If you are a crime victim or the family member of a crime victim, please contact us. We can provide legal help for enforcing your rights, connect you with other resources and services, and help you decide what to do next.

If you work with the courts, law enforcement, or provide other services to victims, and would like to learn more about victims' rights, please call, email, or visit our website.

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# Your Rights as a Crime Victim in Utah



# Who is a crime victim?

Under Utah law three kinds of people are considered crime victims and have legal rights:

1. A person a crime was committed or attempted against
2. The family member of a person killed or severely disabled by a crime
3. The parent or legal guardian of a child a crime was committed or attempted against



## Exceptions

Someone is NOT eligible to exercise victims' rights if any of the following exceptions apply:

1. They were involved in committing the crime
2. Are "responsible" for the crime (conspired/solicited/aided & abetted)
3. Are in prison, jail, or juvenile detention
4. Are in custody for mental treatment

# As a victim, what rights do I have?

## Victims' Rights in Utah Include:

- ◆ The right to be treated with **dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity**
- ◆ The right to a **speedy resolution** of their case
- ◆ The right to be **informed** and **assisted**
- ◆ The right to an **explanation** of the legal proceedings and any plea negotiations
- ◆ The right to **notice** of all important criminal justice proceedings
- ◆ The right to be **present** in the courtroom for all important hearings
- ◆ The right to be **free from threats and intimidation**
- ◆ The right to **privacy**
- ◆ The right to be **heard** at sentencing
- ◆ The right to **restitution** and **reparations** for their losses

## What rights do child victims have?

Children have the same victims' rights as adults, and they also have additional rights, including:

- ◆ The right to have the process conducted in the most effective and least traumatic, intrusive and intimidating manner
- ◆ The right to have interviews related to criminal prosecution kept to a minimum and conducted in an age-appropriate way