

## VICTIM RIGHTS

Due to the passage of the Missouri Constitutional Amendment for Crime Victims, and Section 595.209 R.S.MO., as a victim of a crime, you have several rights. To exercise this right, you need to provide written notification to the appropriate agencies and update any change of address or phone number.

- Be present at all criminal proceedings
- Receive information about the crime
- Timely notice of filing of charges, preliminary hearing date, trial date, continuances, and final disposition
- Notice, information and to confer with the prosecutor on bail hearings, guilty pleas, hearings, sentencing probation revocation hearings, and the right to be heard
- Information of any release of the defendant on bond or for any other reason
- Notification within 24 hours of any escape and any subsequent recapture
- Notification by the Board of Probation and Parole on release proceedings
- Timely notification when a court proceeding will not go as scheduled
- The right to restitution
- Reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on the defendant's behalf
- Information on victim's compensation assistance and financial assistance, emergency and crisis intervention
- Information on witness fees (if entitled)
- Upon written notice, release of your property when it is no longer needed for prosecution (except if contraband, subject to forfeiture, or case is on appeal)
- Your employer may not discharge or discipline you or member of your immediate family for testifying in a criminal proceeding or for participating in the preparation of a criminal proceeding
- Right to a speedy disposition
- Provide a secure waiting area and notification of reconsideration, modification, recall or release of any sentence imposed upon the defendant
- Pursuant to Section 557.041 R.S.MO., 1993, you are entitled to make a victim's impact statement to the court before sentencing and the statement is limited to the facts of the case and any personal injuries (including psychological or emotional) or financial loss incurred. This statement can be in person, a written statement, or by video or audio tape

**For more information on 'Victim Rights' &  
the 'Court Process' go to:**

<http://www.ago.mo.gov/publications/crimevictimsrights.pdf>