

## **SAFETY PLAN**

### **Victims of Domestic Violence**

- Call the police if you believe you are in danger.
- Have a list of emergency numbers including safehouses.
- Keep a bag packed and hidden away where you can get to it quickly if it becomes necessary to leave. Include clothing for yourself and the children, birth certificates, Social Security cards, bank account numbers, divorce or custody papers and any other important papers. You should also pack extra house and car keys and extra money.
- If you have a No Contact Order or Protection Order in effect, carry a copy with you at all times. Leave a copy of the order with your daycare, school, place of employment and other important locations.
- Talk with your neighbors, employer and/or co-workers to provide support and assistance with your safety plan.
- Talk with someone who understands domestic violence – a safehouse, counselor, advocate or therapist.

**You are not alone. Help is available.**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**1-800-799-SAFE**

## **Do I qualify for Crime Victim Compensation?**

In recognizing the impact of crime on innocent victims, the State of Colorado enacted the Crime Victim Compensation Act. The funds to assist victims of crime are collected as fines from adults and juveniles convicted of crimes.

Limited financial assistance to victims is provided by the local Crime Victim Compensation Board in your community and may include:

- Medical expenses and hospital expenses as a result of the crime;
- Therapeutic counseling as a result of the crime;
- Loss of earnings as a result of the crime;
- Loss of financial support to dependents as a result of the crime;
- Homemaker and home health services as a result of the crime;
- Burial expenses as result of the crime;
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids and other prosthetic or medically necessary devices damaged or lost as result of the crime;
- Replacement of residential doors, locks and windows damaged as a result of the crime;
- Payment of deductible amount on a residential insurance policy and/or
- Any modification to the victim's residence to ensure victim safety as a result of the crime.

**To apply, call the Victim Compensation  
Coordinator at your local District  
Attorney's Office or the Intervention, Inc.  
ICCS Director of Victim Services**



If you have been involved in the prosecution of an offender and have been notified of hearings and related activity, you can continue to be involved with the Crime Victim Notification program in community corrections (VNOT).

This brochure provides valuable information for victims of a crime in which the offender was sentenced to probation. Victims have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

**Victims are an important part of the criminal justice system. In 1992, Colorado voters amended the state Constitution to include Victim Rights. The Colorado Victim Rights Amendment states:**

*Any person who is a victim of a criminal act or such person's designee, legal guardian, or surviving immediate family members if such person is deceased, shall have the right to be heard when relevant, informed and present at all critical stages of the criminal justice process. All terminology, including the term "critical stages" shall be defined by the general assembly (Article II Section 16A Colorado State Constitution).*

## What is Community Corrections?

The purpose of community corrections is to assist the offender in successfully completing the orders of the court within a community setting so that a balance is achieved between the offender's rehabilitation, the rights of victims and the protection of the community. The terms and conditions of community corrections are governed by state law.

## How can I be informed?

Victims, immediate family members or appointed representatives may request notification of status changes at critical stages. **Due to recent law changes, a victim of a listed crime whose offender is now in community corrections, is automatically enrolled in Critical Stage Event Notifications.** If you change your contact information and want to continue to be informed, **it is your responsibility to notify the Victim Advocate of those changes.**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a victim, call the Director of Victim Services for Intervention, Inc. and ICCS**

For further information, please call  
Director of Victim Services  
Intervention, Inc. & ICCS  
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Lakewood, Colorado 80215  
303-450-6000

## Crimes Covered by the Victim Rights Act

Intervention provides notification of supervision to the victims of only these listed crimes:

- Murder, Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide
- Vehicular homicide, Vehicular assault
- Assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- First Degree Burglary
- Second Degree Burglary of a Dwelling
- Robbery
- Human Trafficking
- Coercion of Involuntary Servitude
- Incest
- Child abuse
- Child Prostitution, Solicitation, Procurement, Pimping, Inducement, Patronizing
- Sexual assault, Unlawful sexual contact
- Sexual assault on a child or client
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Crimes against at-risk adults and juveniles
- Crimes involving Domestic Violence
- Careless Driving Resulting in Death
- Careless Driving Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury
- Ethnic and Bias Intimidation
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in death of another person
- Stalking
- Retaliation against or tampering with a victim/witness
- Retaliation against a judge or juror
- Intimidating a victim or witness
- Aggravated intimidation of a victim or witness
- Indecent Exposure
- Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification
- Violation of an 18-1-1001 criminal protection order protection order in a sexual assault case
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation or accessory involving any of the crimes specified above.

## Colorado State Law §24-4.1-301 – 304 requires that as a victim of a crime you have the right to:

- Be treated with dignity, fairness and respect and to be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse;
- Be informed of the steps to be taken if you are intimidated or harassed;
- Be informed of the status of your case and any scheduling changes or cancellations if known in advance;
- Be informed about pursuing a civil judgment against anyone who has committed a crime against you and to have restitution ordered;
- Be informed about information on financial assistance and community services;
- Be kept informed and be present during the criminal justice critical stage processes and
- Have the criminal justice agency redact your social security number from a criminal justice document or record created as part of this criminal case when the document is released to anyone other than you, defense attorney, agent or a criminal justice agency.

### **Community Corrections Critical Stages are:**

- Location, phone number and name of the community corrections facility;
- Any request and/or Court ordered modification of the offender's original sentence or terms and conditions and any changes to the schedule for that hearing or reconsideration of sentence;
- Any request for the defendant's early release from community corrections;
- Defendant's release, discharge, abscond or escape from community corrections;
- Any change or transfer of venue or jurisdiction of the offender or interstate compact transfer of supervision;
- The filing of any complaint, summons, or warrant for failure to comply with community corrections;
- The filing of any warrant for failure to report to the facility or because the location of a person convicted of a crime is unknown;
- In domestic violence cases only, any conduct that results in an increase in the supervision level;
- Any subpoena of victim records;
- Any petition by a sex offender to terminate sex offender registration and
- Death of the offender while in community corrections.