

## **EMERGENCY CHECKLIST**

### **Domestic Violence Victims**

- 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 with your safety plan and
- 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, subject to Board approval:

- Medical expenses and hospital expenses as a result of the crime;
- Mental health 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 find out how to apply, call the Victim Compensation Coordinator at your local District Attorney's Office**



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### **Crime 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 by returning the enclosed Crime Victim Notification Request Form.

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.

### **The Crime 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).*

**For a complete listing of your rights, please refer to the Colorado Revised Statutes Sections §24-4.1-101 through §24-4.1-305**

## What is Probation?

The purpose of probation 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 probation are governed by state law.

## How can I be informed?

Victims, immediate family members or appointed representatives may request notification of Critical Stage Events.

**Your "Opt-In" Request must be in writing by returning the Crime Victim Notification Request Form to the indicated Case Manager or Victim Services Specialist.**

If you move or change your phone number and want to continue to be informed, you must notify the supervising Case Manager or Victim Services Specialist.

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a victim, call the Case Manager or Victim Services Specialist indicated on the Crime Victim Notification Request Form.**

For further information, contact the  
Director of Victim Services  
Intervention, Inc.  
1333 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 101  
Westminster, Colorado 80234  
303-450-6000

## Crimes Covered by the Victim Rights Act

- Murder, Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide
- Vehicular homicide, Vehicular assault
- Assault
- Menacing
- Kidnapping
- First Degree Burglary
- 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
- Ethnic and Bias Intimidation
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in serious bodily injury
- 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
- Posting a private image for harassment or pecuniary gain
- Invasion of Privacy for Sexual Gratification
- Violation of an 18-1-1001 criminal protection order protection order in a sexual assault case
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with stalking
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation or accessory involving any of the crimes specified above.

## As a Crime Victim, 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.

### Probation Critical Stages Events:

- Any motion filed by probation or by the probationer if probation is aware of the motion, requesting permission to modify the terms and conditions of probation unless Court denies the motion without a hearing;
- Any Court ordered modification of the original terms and conditions of probation;
- Any probation revocation or modification hearing, including the victim's right to be present and heard and to be notified of the Court's ruling. If the Court is considering granting relief without a hearing, the victim has the right to be notified and provide input;
- Any request by probation, or by the probationer if probation is aware of the request, for the release of the person in advance of the person's imposed sentence or period of probation, including the victim's right to be present and heard and to be notified of the Court's ruling. If the Court is considering granting relief without a hearing, the victim has the right to be notified and to provide input;
- Filing of any complaint, summons, or warrant for failure to comply with probation or because the location of the defendant is unknown;
- Any change or transfer of venue or jurisdiction of the offender or interstate compact transfer
- Probation termination and/or death;
- In domestic violence cases only, any conduct that results in an increase in the probation supervision level;