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1-800-799-SAFE

MAINE DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
1-800-452-1999

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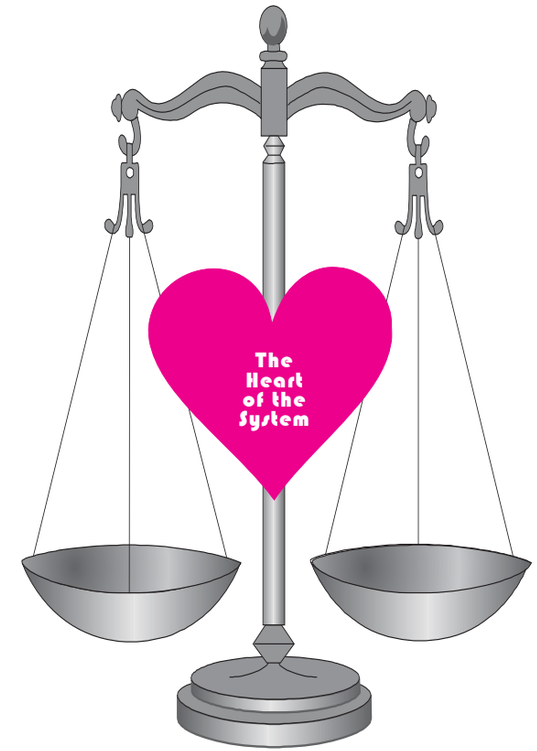

MAINE ASSOCIATION *of* VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATES

A WORD ABOUT VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Throughout the United States, victims of crime are beginning to find out that the "system" does care about their losses and suffering. The needs of witnesses, too, are being addressed in recognition of the stress, inconvenience, and financial losses that people who observe crimes often experience.

Victim Witness Assistance Programs provide support in dealing with the inconvenience and anxiety of going to court, and understanding the often confusing procedures of the criminal justice process.

If you wish to receive all the services to which you are entitled as a crime victim you must contact the Victim Witness Advocate indicated on this pamphlet AND keep them informed of your current address and phone number.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Information about the court process.
- Information about victim's rights.
- Assistance in applying for victim compensation.
- Notification of court hearings and sentencing.
- Support during preparation of testimony for pre-trial hearings and trial.
- Support within the court system on behalf of victims of crime.
- Referral and information about State and local resources that provide additional services.
- Assistance in return of property and restitution.
- Filing notification of release requests with Department of Corrections.

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 treated with dignity and respect.
- To be assisted by criminal justice agencies.
- To be informed about the criminal justice system.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of plea agreements, and the right to comment on them.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of all judicial proceedings, including time and place of trial.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of the proposed dismissal or filing of a complaint, information, or indictment before the action is taken.
- To have input at sentencing.
- To request restitution.
- To request compensation from the Victim Compensation Board for un-reimbursed medical and medically related expenses for victims of violent crimes upon request to the Department of Corrections.
- To be notified of defendant's release from institutional confinement in all felony cases.
- To be provided with a pamphlet containing certain statutes which pertain to victim's rights.