



IMPORTANT THINGS FOR CRIME VICTIMS TO KNOW

Victims of crime have rights to **information, protection, participation** and to seek **restitution** under the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights*.



Victim services can provide information and assistance. To find a victim service near you, do a web search for the Victim Services Directory.

If a victim has a reasonable fear that someone is likely going to harm them, their children, or their property, the victim can ask the Court for a **peace bond**.



A peace bond is not a criminal conviction, does not cost anything, and a victim does not need a lawyer to get one.

A victim has a right to present a **victim impact statement** for consideration at the time of sentencing.



The Court may order an offender to pay **restitution** to a victim for his or her financial losses caused by the crime.

A victim should start documenting their financial losses as soon as possible after the crime.

