



# VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS

A victim impact statement is a statement from a victim of crime that describes the physical or emotional harm, property damage or economic loss they have suffered as the victim of an offence.



A victim of crime has the right to present a victim impact statement and to have the Court or Review Board take it into account.

A victim can choose to present their victim impact statement by:



reading  
it aloud



reading it with a  
support person close by



reading it behind a screen or  
outside the courtroom by  
closed-circuit television

A victim can also ask the Court to allow them to present their statement in another way such as having the prosecutor, the Court, or a victim service worker read it.



A victim may also include a drawing, poem or letter as part of their victim impact statement to express how the offence has affected the victim.