



MARSY'S LAW

California Victims' Bill of Rights
California Constitution, Article 1,
Section 28(b)

Under Marsy's Law, the California Constitution confers certain rights to victims of crime.

Those rights include:

- Fairness & Respect
- Protection from the Defendant
- Victim Safety Considerations in Setting Bail & Release Conditions
- The Prevention of the Disclosure of Confidential Information
- Refusal to be Interviewed by the Defense
- Conference with the Prosecution & Notice of Pretrial Disposition
- Notice of and Presence at Public Proceedings
- Appearance at Court Proceedings & Expression of Views
- Speedy Trial & Prompt Conclusion of the Case
- Provision of Information to the Probation Department
- Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report
- Information About Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release & Escape
- Restitution
- The Prompt Return of Property
- Notice of Parole Procedures & Release on Parole
- Safety of the Victim and Public are Factors in Parole Release
- To Be Informed of These Rights

For a complete list of Marsy's Law Rights, please visit our website or contact our office and ask to speak with a Victim Services Specialist.



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If you or someone close to you was injured or threatened with injury in a violent crime, CalVCB may help **pay certain crime related expenses**. There are certain limitations, but here are some examples of covered expenses:

- Crime scene clean-up
- Funeral & burial expenses
- Victim disability home modifications
- Victim disability vehicle modifications
- Medical and dental treatment
- Mental health services
- Residential security
- Income loss
- Relocation



**DIVISION of
VICTIM SERVICES**

"A victim's voice will be heard."

EMPOWERING VICTIMS AND
WITNESSES OF CRIME THROUGH
ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT
SINCE 1980

ABOUT THE DIVISION OF

VICTIM SERVICES

This informational pamphlet is intended for **survivors, victims and witnesses** of crime who are seeking guidance, support or compensation before, during or after the criminal justice process.

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HOW WE **HELP** VICTIMS OF CRIME

Victim Services is a division of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office designated to ensure victims are informed and supported throughout the criminal justice process.

Victim Service Advocates work closely with prosecutors and are specially trained and educated to help many people, such as children, elders, disabled persons, violent crime victims, survivors and witnesses. The Division of Victim Services can provide services to help during all phases of the court case and can provide you with resources and referrals.

THESE ARE NORMAL REACTIONS TO **STRESS** FOLLOWING A TRAUMATIC EVENT



The key to managing stress in your situation is to recognize these common symptoms and to **seek help when needed.**

At some point in the next few months—or even as soon as in the next few days—you may experience one or more of the following symptoms:

PHYSICAL REACTIONS

Fatigue/Exhaustion
Insomnia
Sleep Disturbance
Over/Under Activity
Nightmares
Change In Appetite
Digestive Problems
Physical Problems
Headaches
Nausea

EMOTIONAL REACTIONS

Fear
Guilt
Emotional Numbing
Over-Sensitivity
Anxiety
Depression
Hopelessness
Anger
Irritability
Frustration

COGNITIVE REACTIONS

Lack of Concentration
Flashbacks
Difficulty with Decisions
Memory Disturbance
Forgetfulness
Confusion
Poor Problem-Solving
Lack of Trust
Change in Alertness

BEHAVIORAL REACTIONS

Change in Activity
Communication Changes
Withdrawal
Suspiciousness
Hyper-Alertness
Exaggerated Startle Reflex
Emotional Outburst
Difficulty Sitting Still
Change in Sexual Behavior

OUR **SERVICES**

Following victimization, the process navigating the court system can be difficult and stressful.

Many victims are not aware of where they can find services like therapy, support groups, and emergency assistance.

Some of our services include:

- Help navigating the criminal justice system
- Obtaining status information about your case
- Providing information about local resources, counseling referrals, emergency assistance and ongoing support as you learn to cope
- Court accompaniment
- Assistance completing and filing applications for crime victim compensation for things like funeral and burial expenses, medical care, therapy and relocation
- Education on your rights as a victim

Please call our office and speak to an advocate. We will assist you in any way we can.

