# **INFORMATION FOR ARIZONA'S VICTIMS OF CRIME**



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Being the victim of a crime can be traumatic. You may feel isolated and confused, and not know where to turn for practical advice or support. This brochure highlights community resources available to assist you and explains your rights as a victim under Arizona law.

\*Esta información en español, se puede obtener en www.azag.gov/victim-services/resources

# VICTIM ASSISTANCE

See *"Information and Resource Numbers"* on the last page for a list of agencies that can provide victim assistance services.

#### Agencies & Services

Organizations such as victim assistance programs, advocacy centers, child abuse treatment programs, support groups, and domestic violence shelters are established throughout the state to help crime victims regain control over their lives.

#### **PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

A protective order is a document obtained from a court to order the defendant not to contact you (plaintiff) and to prevent abusive behavior. In Arizona, there are four types of protective orders you can request: 1. Order of Protection 2. Injunction Against Harassment 3. Emergency Order of Protection 4. Injunction Against Workplace Harassment. There is no court filing fee for protective orders. There are also no fees associated with the service of an Order of Protection or an Injunction Against Harassment if you have been a victim of a sexual assault.

- 1. **Order of Protection:** This type of order requires a qualifying relationship. You can fill out forms and figure out if you have a qualifying relationship through AZPOINT.
- 2. *Injunction Against Harassment:* If you do not have a qualifying relationship, victims of certain crimes may be eligible for this type of order. A *service* fee may apply. You can fill out forms through AZPOINT.
- 3. *Emergency Order of Protection:* When the court is not open, you may request this type of order through a law enforcement officer. These orders expire seven (7) calendar days after issuance.
- 4. *Injunction Against Workplace Harassment:* A *service* fee may apply. You can fill out forms through AZPOINT.

If you are a party in an ongoing or pending family law case (ex. Dissolution of marriage) or if the juvenile defendant is under the age of twelve, it is recommended to apply at any Superior or Tribal Court location. To start the protective order process, go to *https://azpoint.azcourts.gov/* 

Your employer may be legally required to allow you unpaid leave from work to attend court and to obtain an order of protection pursuant to ARS §§ 13-4439/8-420.

# **D**OMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you have been a victim of domestic violence, you may seek a protective order. For more information on protective orders, please refer to the "Protective Orders" section above.

If there is a firearm present when there has been an incident of domestic violence and a law enforcement officer believes that the firearm would expose the victim or another person in the household to a risk of serious bodily injury or death, the firearm may be temporarily seized and held by the law enforcement agency. To ensure that you, as the victim, are notified of the release of a firearm that has been seized, you must provide the law enforcement agency with any change of address or phone number.

# SEXUAL ASSAULT

If you have been a victim of a dangerous crime against children as defined in ARS § 13-705 or a sexual assault, you are entitled to a medical or forensic interview free of charge, without reporting to law enforcement, paid by the county in which the offense occurred pursuant to ARS § 13-1414.

For more information on domestic violence/sexual assault or to get help, please visit *www.acesdv.org* 

#### Address Confidentiality Program

The Arizona Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) is a program that helps victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses, and/or stalking from being located by the perpetrator through public records. The program provides a substitute address and confidential mail forwarding services to individuals and families across Arizona.

To enroll, visit https://azsos.gov/services/acp/eligibility-enrollment

#### VICTIM COMPENSATION

If you are a victim of a crime or the next of kin of a victim who dies as a result of a criminal act, you may be eligible for compensation. To obtain an application or to receive more information on Crime Victim Compensation, contact your county Victim Compensation Coordinator.

# VICTIMS' RIGHTS

As a victim of crime in Arizona, you have a Constitutional right to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process. All state, county and municipal justice agencies and courts in Arizona are required to perform certain duties to ensure that you receive your rights.

#### WHO IS A VICTIM FOR PURPOSES OF EXERCISING RIGHTS?

State law says a victim is a person against whom a criminal or juvenile offense has been committed. This includes any felony, misdemeanor, petty offense or violation of a local criminal ordinance. If a person is killed or incapacitated, the person's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent or any other person related to the person by consanguinity or affinity to the second degree or any other lawful representative of the person, except if that person is in custody for an offense or is the accused, may receive victims' rights. If a victim is incompetent, deceased or otherwise incapable of designating another person to act in the victim's place, the court may appoint a lawful representative who is not a witness. If at any time the victim is no longer incompetent, incapacitated, or otherwise incapable of acting, the victim may personally exercise his or her victim's rights.

#### **REQUESTING/WAIVING RIGHTS**

The law enforcement officer provided you with a form (Request/Waiver Form) that asks you to request or waive (decline) your rights. This form will assist you in exercising your victims' rights, whether you decide to request or waive your rights. Keep your copy of the form for your records. Your decision to request or waive your rights does not mean that you cannot change your mind later. However, if at first you waive your rights and then request them at a later time, you will be giving up some rights that only apply at certain stages of the justice process. There are other important benefits and protections that apply to crime victims as a case proceeds through the system. If you choose to waive your rights, it does not exclude your involvement in the prosecution of the case. You may be subpoenaed to testify in court.

#### You can also learn more about Arizona's victims' rights laws by visiting the Arizona Attorney General website at www.azag.gov

### YOUR RIGHT TO RESTITUTION

Victims of crime have a Constitutional right to receive prompt restitution. If someone is found guilty of the crime(s) committed against you, the court may order that person to re-pay certain financial costs of your victimization. This court-ordered payment is known as restitution. Restitution is most often ordered at the time of sentencing and may include reimbursement for actual losses and expenses attributable to the offense. To determine the amount of restitution to be ordered, financial loss information is gathered from victims prior to sentencing. If you have faced financial losses as a result of the crime committed against you, it is recommended that you keep track of all your receipts as expenses are incurred. If charges are filed in your case, it is important that you contact the prosecutor's Victim Services program for more information and assistance with the restitution process.

# For more restitution resource information, please visit the Arizona Supreme Court's victim restitution website at www.azcourts.gov/restitution

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A victim of a criminal offense that is a part 1 crime (e.g. criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft and arson), an immediate family member of the victim if the victim is killed or incapacitated, or the victim's attorney has the right to receive one copy of the police report from the investigating law enforcement agency at no charge.

#### WHEN A SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Box 3 of the Request/Waiver Form provides information to assist you in exercising your rights immediately following the arrest of a suspect; however, you must act quickly. See next page for the specific scenarios outlining your rights as a victim.

Your employer may be legally required to allow you unpaid leave from work to attend court and to obtain an order of protection pursuant to ARS §§ 13-4439/8-420.

## SUSPECT IS AN ADULT AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED

*If the suspect is an adult and has been arrested*, law enforcement informed you of the time, place and date of the Initial Appearance. You are encouraged to contact the court for any changes to the Initial Appearance schedule. You can also exercise your right to be informed of the suspect's release by contacting the custodial agency.

Initial Appearance (Court Hearing)

Purposes:	(1) Determine release eligibility of the accused;
	(2) Determine the terms and conditions of release of the accused;
	(3) Set the next court date(s);
	(4) Obtain a plea from the accused (for some misdemeanor offenses)
When Held:	Within 24 hours of arrest
Location:	Court and Custodial Agency
Contact:	See "Information & Resource Numbers"
Your Rights:	To be notified of the time, place and date for the Initial Appearance, to be present and heard at the Initial Appearance and to be informed of the suspect's release.

#### SUSPECT IS A JUVENILE AND HAS BEEN DETAINED

*If the suspect is a juvenile and has been detained*, you must contact the detention screening section of the juvenile probation department immediately to request notice of the date, time and place of the Detention Hearing and any changes to the Detention Hearing schedule. You can also exercise your right to be informed of the juvenile's release by contacting the detention center.

Detention and Advisory Hearings

Purposes:	(1) Determine release eligibility of the accused;
·	(2) If the accused is released, determine the terms and conditions of release;
	(3) Obtain a plea from the juvenile
	(4) Juvenile to admit guilt or deny
When Held:	Detention Hearing – within 24 hours of arrest
	Advisory Hearing – within 24 hours of detention hearing
Location:	Detention Screening Section, County Juvenile Probation
Contact:	See "Information & Resource Numbers"
Your Rights:	To be notified of the time, place and date for the detention and advisory hearings, to be present and heard at the detention and advisory hearings and to be informed of the juvenile's release.

If you choose to exercise your right to be heard through a written statement, contact the detention screening section for instructions on how to submit to the court.

#### SUSPECT IS AN ADULT OR JUVENILE AND CITED AND RELEASED

*If an adult suspect is cited and released,* law enforcement informed you of the initial court date. *If a juvenile suspect is cited and released,* law enforcement has provided you with the name of the court to obtain information about subsequent proceedings. Contact the court prior to the date and time to confirm that the suspect must appear.

# SUSPECT IS AN ADULT OR JUVENILE AND THERE IS NO ARREST

If the arrest of a suspect is not immediate and you are not notified of an arrest within 30 days, you can call the law enforcement agency that took the report to obtain case status information.

# **INFORMATION AND RESOURCE NUMBERS - - APACHE, GILA & NAVAJO COUNTIES, THEIR CITIES & TOWNS**

# **VICTIM SERVICES**

#### APACHE

Apache County Victim Witness
Apache County Victim Comp
ADABI Shelter
Battered Families Servies - Gallup, NM
My Sister's House - Gallup, NM
New Hope Ranch
Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families
Little Colorado Behavioral Health Center:
St. Johns
Springerville

#### GILA

Gila County Victim Witness Prog
Gila County Victim Compensation
Outside Globe/Miami
Time-Out Inc. (24-hour hot line)
Gila County Safe Home
Counseling Services:
Arizona Complete Healthcare - Southern AZ Crisis Line 1-866-495-6735
Southwest Behavioral & Health Services
Northwest/Central AZ Crisis Response Network
Community Assistance Program.   (928)   (928)   (425-3281/(602)   (261-8849)   (480)<

#### NAVAJO

Alice's Place (Winslow)   (928) 289-3003     Navajo County Victim Svcs. Division   (928) 524-4332
(Night)
(Crisis Response)
Navajo County Vic. Compensation
Domestic Violence Crisis Services
ADABI Women's Crisis Program

# **VICTIM SERVICES CONTINUED**

Hopi Domestic Violence Project. (928) 738-1115   Northern Ariz. Center Against Sexual Assault. (928) 527-1900
Kayenta/Tohdenasshai Shelter
White Mtn. Safe House
Winslow
North Country Healthcare Clinic
Apache Behavioral Health Center
Hopi Behavioral Health Services

#### **CUSTODIAL AGENCIES**

Arizona Dept. of Corrections
Apache County Jail
Apache County Juvenile Detention
GILA
Gila County Jail
Payson
Gila County Juvenile Detention Center
NAVAJO
Navajo County Jail
Navajo County Juvenile Detention

#### PROSECUTORS

Arizona Attorney General's Office
APACHE
Apache County Attorney's Office
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS
Eagar
St. Johns
Springerville
GILA
Gila County Attorney's Office
Payson Office
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS
Globe
Hayden
*Miamisee note below
Payson
Winkelman
*NOTE: Town of Miami's prosecutions are being handled by the Gila County Attorney's Office.
NAVAJO
Navajo County Attorney's Office
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS
Holbrook

# **PROSECUTORS CONTINUED**

Pinetop-Lakeside	368-8696
Show Low	
Snowflake	36-7103
Taylor	536-5331

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

Arizona Game and Fish Dept
APACHE
Apache County Sheriff's Office
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Eagar Police Dept
Springerville Police Dept
St. Johns Police Dept
Gila County Sheriff's Office
Gila County Sheriff's Office (Payson)
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Globe Police Dept
Hayden Police Dept.   (520) 356-6205     Miami Police Dept.   (928) 473-2466
Payson Police Dept
Tonto Apache Police Dept
NAVAJO
Navajo County Sheriff's Office (928) 524-4050   Arizona Department of Public Safety (928) 773-3700
MUNICIPAL POLICE
Holbrook Police Dept
Pinetop-Lakeside Police Dept.   (928) 368-8800     Show Low Police Dept.   (928) 537-5091
Snowflake-Taylor Police Dept
Winslow Police Dept

# **COURTS**

Arizona Supreme Court www.azcourts.go	ov/restitution
APACHE	
Apache County Superior Court	8) 337-7555
Apache County Adult Probation	
Apache County Juvenile Court	

# **COURTS CONTINUED**

MUNICIPAL COURTS	Μ	U	N		PA	L (	CO	UF	RTS
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MUNICIPAL COURTS
Eagar / Springerville
St. Johns
JUSTICE COURTS     Chinle   (928) 674-5922
Puerco
Round Valley
St. Johns
GILA
Gila County Superior Court I
Gila County Superior Court II
Payson Location
Gila County Adult Probation
JUVENILE COURT
Gila County Juvenile Probation
MUNICIPAL COURTS
Globe
Hayden
Miami
Payson and Star Valley
Winkelman
JUSTICE COURTS
Globe Regional Justice Court
Payson Regional Justice Court
NAVAJO
Navajo County Superior Court
Navajo County Probation Dept
MUNICIPAL COURTS
Holbrook
Pinetop-Lakeside
Show Low
Snowflake
Taylor
Winslow
JUSTICE COURTS
Precinct #1 - Holbrook
Precinct #2 - Winslow
Precinct #3 - Snowflake
Precinct #4 - Kayenta
Precinct #5 - Show Low
Precinct #6 - Pinetop-Lakeside

FOR A COPY OF THE TEXT DETAILING ALL OF YOUR RIGHTS, VISIT WWW.AZAG.GOV/VICTIM-SERVICES

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