COMMUNITY RESOURCES

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

• Emergencies
  911

• Non-Emergency Line
  303.627.3100

• Records Unit (for Police Reports)
  303.739.6320

24 HOUR CRISIS LINES

• The Blue Bench (sexual violence)
  303.322.7273
  TDD – 303.329.0023

• Colorado Crisis Services
  1.844.493.TALK (8255)

• Gateway Domestic Violence Services
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OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

• Arc of Aurora Advocacy Program
  720.213.1420

• Asian Pacific Development Center
  720.394.7909

• Aurora Mental Health
  303.617.2300

• Aurora Day Resource Center (Homeless Resources)
  303.343.7808

• Gateway Court Advocacy Program
  Municipal Court Domestic Violence
  303.739.7837

• Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
  877.623.3435

• Project Safeguard
  Civil protection orders & other civil legal resources
  of Domestic and/or sexual violence, stalking
  720.618.3482

• Servicios de la Raza VISTAS
  303.953.5930

• Social Services
  Adams County
  720.523.2700
  Arapahoe County
  303.636.1130

CIVIL LEGAL RESOURCES

• Legal Information Network of CO
  720.583.2929
  ColoradoLInc.org (online help tool)

• JAMLAC
  303.839.1008

• Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
  303.433.2812 (RMIAN)
  U Visas, T Visas, VAWA

We are sorry to learn you have been a victim of a crime. As a victim, you may have experienced injury, loss, confusion, and a disruption of your life. Feelings of shock, disbelief, fear, vulnerability, anger and frustration may result. Having information and an understanding about the system may be helpful to you at this time.

Once a crime is reported, a person who is a victim of crime becomes part of the criminal justice system. It can be a confusing and sometimes perplexing experience.

The Aurora Police Department Victim Services Unit will assist you with any issues you may have experienced because of this crime. Our victim advocates provide support and assistance to victims during the process.

This brochure has been prepared to assist you in understanding your rights and to answer commonly asked questions.

Because victims are such an important part of the criminal justice process, in November 1992 the voters of Colorado passed a resolution to include the Victim Rights Act as part of the state’s constitution.

For more information on the Victim Rights Act, go to www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp.

When you call our office, please refer to your Case Number and the victim advocate that has been assigned to your case.

To submit U-Visa certifications and/or request information on that process, please email apduvisacert@auroragov.org.

THE RIGHTS of Crime VICTIMS

Provided by:
Aurora Police Department
15001 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora Colorado 80012
Victims Services

Case Number

Advocate

@auroragov.org
**Crimes Covered by the Victim Rights Act**

The Victim Rights Act guarantees certain rights to victims:

- Assault 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree
- Burglary 1st degree
- Vehicular assault/homicide
- Vehicular - Careless driving resulting in death
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death
- Child abuse
- Homicide/criminally negligent manslaughter
- Murder 1st and 2nd degree
- Human trafficking
- Kidnapping 1st and 2nd degree
- Incest/aggravated incest
- Indecent exposure
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Sexual assault/unlawful sexual contact
- Sex assault on a child
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault
- Menacing
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Bias motivated crimes
- Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles
- Domestic violence - any crime
- Retaliation against a victim, witness, judge or juror
- Tampering with a victim or witness
- Witness intimidation
- Any criminal attempt, conspiracy, criminal solicitation, or accessory involving any of the crimes specified in the above list
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence.
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident, where the accident results in the death or serious bodily injury of another person.
- Posting a private image for harassment in violation or posting a private image for harassment

**Victim Services May Assist with the Following**

- Immediate crisis intervention and follow up support
- Special services for juvenile, elderly or victims with disabilities
- Referrals for medical and emergency services
- Referrals for mental health and social services
- Intervention with creditors, landlords and employers
- Referrals for legal resources
- Referrals for child care services
- Transportation
- How to obtain public records, police reports
- Information about protective orders
- Support for public assistance and community resources

**Rights for Crime Victims**

- To be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, and the right to be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation.
- To a prompt return of the victim’s property after it is no longer needed as evidence.
- To be informed of the results of any court-ordered HIV testing.
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services.
- To receive annual updates on cold cases, upon written request.

**Rights During the Court Process**

- To be present and heard regarding bond reduction, acceptance of plea negotiations, case disposition, sentencing, or modification of sentence.
- To consult with the district attorney prior to any disposition of the case or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case.
- To be informed of the status of the case and any charging changes or cancellations.
- To prepare a Victim Impact Statement and to be present and/or heard at sentencing.
- To have restitution ordered and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime.
- To be assured that in any criminal proceeding, the appropriate action will be taken to achieve a swift and fair resolution.
- To have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings.
- To know if the accused or convicted of the crime is released from custody, paroled or escapes.

**Rights After the Conviction**

- To be informed of and heard at any reconsideration of sentence, parole hearing or commutation of sentence.
- To be informed when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility or hospital.
- To view all or a portion of the report of the probation department at the discretion of the District Attorney.

After the conviction of a crime, and upon written request by the crime victim, local correctional authorities will notify you of:

- The institution in which the person is incarcerated.
- Projected date of the person’s release.
- Any release of a person on furlough, work release or community correctional facility in advance of such release.
- Any scheduled parole hearing and any changes in hearing schedules.
- Any escape, transfer or release from a correctional facility or program.
- The transfer to a non-secured facility.
- The death of a person while in a correctional facility or program.

In addition, upon request of the victim, correctional officials will keep confidential the victim’s or immediate family’s address, phone numbers, places of employment or personal information.

**Victim Compensation**

If you are:

- A victim of a violent crime
- A dependent of a deceased victim
- Authorized to act on behalf of a victim

Depending on circumstances, you can apply for assistance through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. To be eligible you must have reported the crime to a law enforcement agency, cooperated in an investigation and applied to be considered for assistance. To apply or for more information, contact:

- Adams County 303.835.5615
- Arapahoe County 720.874.8787
- Colorado website: [www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp](http://www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp)

If all local efforts to obtain your rights as a victim have failed, you can request assistance from the Governor’s Victim Coordinating Committee. Communications may be verbal or in writing.

For additional information, contact: [Division of Criminal Justice Office for Victims’ Programs](http://www.dcj.state.co.us/ovp)