

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION

As a victim, you have a vital role to play in the process and your testimony may be an important part of the case against the accused.

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

A victim impact statement provides you with the opportunity to address the court after a finding of guilt, but before sentencing. The statement can be submitted in writing or delivered orally.

The victim impact statement should be a brief summary describing any harm done or loss you have suffered as a victim. This statement will be considered by the courts during the sentencing process.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK RESTITUTION

PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

If you have suffered property loss or damage that resulted in criminal charges, you may be eligible to seek restitution. Speak to the Crown attorney prosecuting the charges for further information.

If property loss or damage may result in an insurance claim, it is important to inform your insurance agent as soon as possible. In the instance of credit card fraud, notify your credit card company immediately.

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD

If you have been injured as a result of violent crime in Ontario, you may be eligible for compensation. Those hurt or affected while assisting a police officer with an arrest or trying to prevent a crime may also apply.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

4th Floor, 439 University Ave.

Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

1-800-372-7463

416-326-2900

cicb.gov.on.ca

How can I file a complaint?

The Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) is an arms-length civilian agency of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

The OIPRD is responsible for receiving, overseeing, monitoring and dealing with all public complaints against police in Ontario.

Complaints may be filed in several ways:

- Visit the oiprd.on.ca to make a complaint online
- Attend at any police station in Ontario
- Contact the OIPRD by telephone at 1-877-411-4773 to request complaint forms be sent to you. Once completed and signed, they may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Office of the Independent Police Review Director

10th Floor, 655 Bay Street

Toronto, ON M5G 2K4

1-877-411-4773

oiprd.on.ca

For more information, visit
yrp.ca/victims



Deeds Speak

1-866-876-5423 | info@yrp.ca | yrp.ca

VICTIM INFORMATION

What should I do next?



RESPONDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION

Name _____

Badge _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Occurrence Number _____

Date _____

Other Info _____

CONTACT YORK REGIONAL POLICE

In an emergency, dial **9-1-1**.

For non-emergencies, contact York Regional Police toll free at 1-866-8-POLICE (1-866-876-5423).

TTY: 1-800-668-0398 (for the hearing impaired)

Do you have information about a crime but wish to remain anonymous? Leave an anonymous tip for Crime Stoppers of York Region at: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or text TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) or leave a tip online at 1800222tips.com.

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Who can I contact?

VICTIM SERVICES OF YORK REGION

Victim Services of York Region and York Regional Police work in partnership to provide emotional support and practical assistance to persons victimized by crime or traumatic circumstances. Staff members provide crisis response, telephone assistance and referrals to community agencies that offer long-term counselling and financial support.

Victim Services of York Region

Suite 207, 16775 Yonge St.
Newmarket, ON L3X 2P8
905-953-5363
victimservices-york.org

YORK REGION CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY (YRCCS)

YRCCS is a collaboration of community agencies dedicated to building a safer community for those affected by violence. On-site staff provide transition and housing services and crisis support to victims in one location.

York Region Centre for Community Safety

Suite 200, 16775 Yonge St.
Newmarket, ON L3X 2P8
905-836-7601 ext. 100
yrccs.ca

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To see a list of victim support services in York Region, visit yrp.ca/victims

Am I the victim of a crime?

A victim is a person who has suffered physical or emotional harm, property damage, or economic loss as a result of a crime committed by another person. If a victim has died, or is not able to act on his or her own behalf, the victim may be represented by:

- The victim's spouse
- An individual who has lived with the victim as his or her common law partner for at least one year prior to the victim's death
- A relative or dependent of the victim
- Anyone who has custody of the victim or the victim's dependent

EXCEPTION

No person may act on behalf of a victim who has been charged in relation to the incident.

I am the victim of a crime. What do I do next?

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR INFORMATION

As a victim of crime, you have the right to request information about the criminal justice system, available services and the progress of your case.

Here is what you can expect:

- Police will record all important information. Officers are required to ask specific questions
- If you have suffered an injury, members of the police may take photographs, with your consent

- If you require a safe place to stay, police or Victim Services of York Region representatives will assist you
- If there are reasonable grounds to believe an offence has occurred, police may lay charges
- After an arrest, an accused person may be released. Police will notify victims of any release conditions placed on the accused by the courts
- Once a charge has been laid, it cannot be withdrawn. The case will be prosecuted by a Crown attorney at no cost to you
- If the case proceeds to trial, you may be required to attend court and give evidence

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR PROTECTION

As a victim of crime, police must take your security and privacy into consideration at all stages of the criminal justice process.

If you are concerned for your own safety, you may also wish to consider the following:

RESTRAINING ORDER

Restraining orders are issued in family court. To apply for a restraining order, you may require the assistance of a lawyer.

If a restraining order already in place is breached, report it to the police immediately.

PEACE BOND

A peace bond is a court order requiring the subject of the peace bond to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. Conditions may be attached to a peace bond.

If you fear that someone may harm you, a member of your family or someone close to you, you may apply to have that person entered into a peace bond. To apply for a peace bond, visit:

Ontario Court of Justice

50 Eagle Street West
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6B1