

VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

Victims of crime

Are you the victim of a crime? If you want support or you have questions about the court system and processes, the staff at the Victim Services Unit can help you.

You have rights under the Yukon's *Victims of Crime Act*, even if no charge has been laid or the accused has not been convicted.

The staff at the Victim Services Unit work closely with the RCMP and Prosecution Services and with community resource agencies. They can explain the criminal justice system and tell you how and where you can participate.

They can provide support and keep you informed throughout the criminal justice process. They can also give you information about community alternatives to the court system.

Staff at the Victim Services Unit can help you complete victim impact statements, develop a safety plan and get support from other agencies. They can also help you to apply for protective court orders (such as Emergency Intervention Orders and Peace Bonds).

Important: Your involvement with the Victim Service Unit is voluntary.

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The Victims' Bill of Rights in the *Victims of Crime Act* includes these rights:

- the right to information about the justice system;
- the right to express their views;
- the right to have their property returned when it is no longer needed as evidence; and
- the right to have their needs considered when victim programs and services are developed.

The Victims' Bill of Rights also includes three basic rights:

- Victims have the right to be treated with courtesy, caring and respect;
- Victims have the right to privacy; and
- Victims have the right to expect that the justice system will do what it can to reduce their inconvenience and protect them from intimidation and retaliation.

For more information

Victim Services

phone 867-667-8500;

toll-free outside Whitehorse 1-800-661-0408, ext. 8500

Dawson City: 867-993-5831

Watson Lake: 867-536-2541

All calls are confidential

RCMP

To contact the police in your community, please call your local prefix followed by 5555. For example, in Watson Lake, call 536-5555; in Teslin, call 390-5555.

If it is an emergency, phone 911.

Other contact numbers

For 24-hour service call Victim Link at 1-800-563-0808