

Yell County Sheriff's Department – Laura's Card

Domestic Violence Victim's Rights & Responsibilities

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Incident # _____ Officer: _____ Badge # _____ Contact # _____

Your Rights:

(For a complete list of Victim's Rights visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ARvictimsrights> AND <http://tinyurl.com/VictimsGuide>)

You MUST request these rights:

1. You have a right to Privacy while in all medical facilities and while seeking medical attention.
2. You have a right to petition the court for an Order of Protection (<http://arlegalservices.org>).
3. You have a right to request the court keep your physical address and personal telephone number confidential.
4. You have a right to your own attorney during all court proceedings.
5. You have a right to notice of all court proceedings.
6. You have a right to contact the Prosecutor's Victims Witness Coordinator.
7. You have a right to be present at all hearings where the defendant is present.
8. You have a right to reasonable protection before, during and after all court proceedings.
9. If available, you have the right to be provided a separate waiting area before, during, and after all court proceedings.
10. In criminal proceedings, you have a right to request restitution be sought through the prosecutor's office.
11. You have a right to provide a Victim Impact Statement at the sentencing hearing (<http://acic.org>).
12. You have the right to be notified on the status of the alleged or convicted offender (<http://vinelink.com>).
13. You have a right to be provided with an interpreter during all court proceedings.
14. If the victim is a minor, incapacitated or deceased, a member of the victim's family may exercise these rights.

Through exercising these rights, you may find healing.

You are not alone. If you are being abused, help is near.

As a Victim, you may experience the following:

1. Shock, disbelief, numbness
2. Change of appetite
3. Change in sleep patterns
4. Guilt, shame and/or self-blame
5. Anxiety/Depression
6. Reliving traumatic event (unwanted memories of the event)
7. Anger
8. Difficulty concentrating
9. Fatigue

Plan for Safety:

1. Develop a code that will alert a neighbor/friend to call the police.
2. Have a bag packed with a change of clothes, important papers, spare keys, cell phone and cash.
3. In an emergency dial 9-1-1.

Your responsibilities:

- Visiting ACIC for a complete list of rights: (<http://tinyurl.com/VictimsGuide>)
- Keeping a complete and accurate accounting of all expenses related to the crime
- Providing law enforcement with up to date contact information
- Requesting the rights you want exercised. Victim's rights are not automatically granted
- Cooperating with the investigation

Crime Victims Reparations Board Help for Crime Victims:

- An innocent victim of a violent crime (Including DWI) may qualify for financial help from the Crime Victims Reparations Board. This money may help pay for medical expenses, or other costs related to personal injuries that were caused by a violent crime.

You May Qualify for Assistance if:

1. The crime was reported to law enforcement within 72 hours.
2. An application for assistance is received within one year of the date of the crime.
3. The victim cooperates with the investigation.
4. The victim did not contribute to the crime.

For More Information:

Contact your Victim Witness Coordinator or the Office of Attorney General Leslie Rutledge (Tower Building 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, (501) 682-1020 or (800) 448-3014, <http://tinyurl.com/ARAttorneyGeneral>)

Local Resources:

Samaritan Outreach, Inc., - (479) 229-3300
River Valley Shelter for Battered Women - (479) 968-3110

24 Hour Crisis Lines:

Women and Children First – (800) 332-4443
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault – (800) 977-5776 - Confidential <http://acasa.us>
Arkansas State Police Child Abuse – (800) 482-5964
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence – (800) 799- SAFE (7233)
National Human Trafficking – (888) 373-7888

Shelter Referral Services:

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Toll Free (800) 269-4668 <http://www.domesticpeace.com>
<http://ihopeapp.com> – download to smartphone

Victim Resources:

Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts Domestic Violence Program – <http://www.arcourtsdvp.org/>
Centers for Healings Hearts and Spirits – (855) 6-HELP-4-U and (855) 643-5748

Court Connect helps keep victims informed of court proceedings and other pertinent information:
<https://caseinfo.aoc.arkansas.gov/>