

Wichita Police Department Victim Assistance Unit

Investigations Division

Crimes Against Persons Bureau

455 North Main

Wichita, Kansas 67202

Phone: **316.268.4274** / **316.268.4376**

email: mblunck@wichita.gov



Wichita Police Department Victim Assistance Unit



The Victim Assistance Unit of the Wichita Police Department was established in 2001 to provide support for the emotional and physical needs of victims of crime through crisis intervention, direct assistance, advocacy, education, information, out-sourced therapy and referrals.

Phone

316.268.4274 / **316.268.4376**



Kansas Crime Victims Bill of Rights

(K.S.A. 74-7333)

- 1** Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
- 2** Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they suffered.
- 3** Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in a civil cause of action, the crime victims' compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanisms to obtain such remedies should be made available to victims.
- 4** Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of proceedings.
- 5** The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided through the criminal process.
- 6** When the personal interests of victims are affected, the views or concerns of the victim should, when appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure be brought to the attention of the court.
- 7** Measures may be taken whenever necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
- 8** Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose.
- 9** Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological, and social assistance through existing programs and services.
- 10** Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

This grant project is supported by subgrant number 20-VOCA-46 awarded through the Federal Office for Victims of Crime as administered by the Kansas Governor's Grants Program.

The opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this publication, program, or exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Office of the Kansas Governor or the U.S. Department of Justice.

This program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Are You A Victim of A Crime?

- Uncertain if what happened to you is a crime?
- Confused by the criminal justice process?
- Not sure of your options?
- Don't know what your rights are?
- Want to know about victim compensation?

We Can Help You

- Understand the impact of crime
- Make a safety plan
- Learn your legal rights and options
- Connect with local victim service providers
- Apply for Crime Victims' Compensation
- Obtain a 911 cell phone

Call Us for Information About:

- Safety planning and protection orders
- Emergency assistance for elderly victims
- Crime victims compensation
- Emergency relocation
- Victim impact statement

Referrals For:

- Counseling
- Court advocacy
- Crisis intervention
- Shelter
- Support groups

First Response Crisis Intervention

- On scene assistance for victims and their families involved in incidents of violent crimes including but not limited to homicide, robbery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, elder abuse 24 hours a day.
- Follow up and referral to local agencies specializing in such incidents.

Victims of Burglary

- Check on their well-being and ensure that they are safe.
- Assist with point of entry repairs.

Victim Notification Services

- Assistance registering through Kansas Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) for Kansas County jail notifications. If the offender is in custody, you can register to receive VINE notifications.



Victim Information and Notification Everyday

- Assistance registering through Kansas Department of Corrections for Prison notifications.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person. Domestic violence may be physical, sexual, emotional or financial.

Safety During an Explosive Incident

- Go to an area that has an exit, that you can get out of quickly, avoid kitchens, bathrooms, or areas with weapons.
- Go to a room with a phone. Call or text 911, if possible. Inform them if there are weapons in the home.
- Know your escape route; practice how to get out of your home safely. Visualize your escape route.
- Have a bag packed and keep it hidden in order to leave quickly.
- Devise a code word or signal to tell your family or neighbors so they know you need the police.
- Know where you are going to go if you have to leave home suddenly, even if you don't think you'll need to.
- Trust your instincts. Decide when it is best to flee or when it is best to appease the abuser.



Safety When Preparing to Leave

- Leaving **CAN** be the most dangerous time!
- Have a safe place to go that can protect you and your children.
- Call the Wichita Police Department to learn what services and shelters are available. Keep their information handy at all times.
- Find someone you trust: leave money, extra keys, copies of important documents and clothing with them so you can leave quickly.
- Open a bank account in your name only to increase your independence, consider direct deposit.
- Review your safety plan as often as possible in order to know the safest way to leave your abuser.
- Remember that abusive partners may become more violent when their partners try to leave.