



BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) PROVIDES CERTAIN RIGHTS TO VICTIMS OF CRIME, INCLUDING:

- the right to be treated with courtesy and respect and without discrimination by all justice system personnel
- the right to receive information on the justice system, victim services, and related legislation
- the right to receive certain case-specific information on the investigation, prosecution, sentencing and release of the offender
- the right to be given a reasonable opportunity to provide victim impact information for presentation to the court before sentencing
- the right to receive independent legal representation, if there's an application for disclosure of personal information

OTHER RESOURCES

VictimLINK

1-800-563-0808

Crime Victim Assistance Program

1-866-660-3888

Victim Safety Notification Services

1-877-315-8822

NAKUSP & AREA VICTIM SERVICES

Office Location:

925 Hwy 23, Nakusp, BC

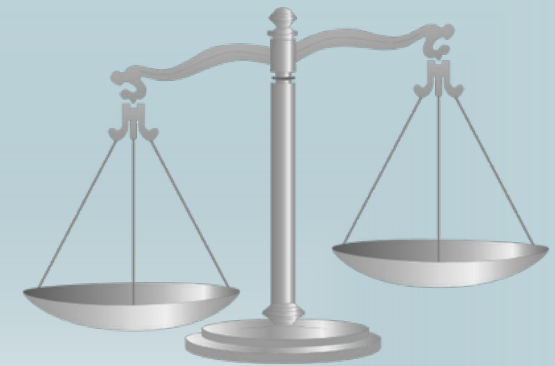
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NAKUSP & AREA VICTIM SERVICES

Assisting Survivors of Crime and Trauma



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NAKUSP & AREA

RCMP VICTIM SERVICES IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE REQUIRING FREE ASSISTANCE. REFERRALS ARE ACCEPTED EVEN IF NO CHARGES ARE LAID. VICTIMS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE CRIME THAT HAS AFFECTED THEM. WE CAN OFFER PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE, INFORMATION, AND SUPPORT AS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES PROCEED THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.



AREAS SERVICED

NAKUSP
NEW DENVER
SILVERTON
SLOCAN
WINLAW
ARROW PARK
BURTON
FAUQUIER
EDGEWOOD
TROUT LAKE



SERVICES PROVIDED

INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION, THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, COURT PROCEDURES, AND CRIME PREVENTION. INFORMATION ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS OF VICTIMS / WITNESSES OF CRIME. UPDATES OBTAINABLE ON THE STATUS OF YOUR CASE AND PROGRESS OF POLICE INVESTIGATION IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED.

REFERRALS TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY AGENCIES THAT CAN ASSIST VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TRAUMA WITH COUNSELLING NEEDS, GRIEF SUPPORT, HOUSING NEEDS, AND MUCH MORE.

POLICE AND COURT PROCEDURES
 DETAILS ON THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM AND PROCEEDINGS. INFORMATION ON THE ROLE OF THE VARIOUS PLAYERS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, THE PRACTICALITIES OF TESTIFYING AS A WITNESS, COURT ACCOMPANIMENT, AND UPDATES ON COURT APPEARANCES.

CRIMINAL INJURY COMPENSATION
 ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATION FORMS AND PROCEDURES

PERSONAL SUPPORT AND REASSURANCE
 IMMEDIATE CRISIS INTERVENTION AND AT-SCENE ATTENDANCE. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT IN PERSON AND OVER THE PHONE TO VICTIMS, WITNESSES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE WITH SAFETY PLANNING, IN SECURING SPACE IN TRANSITION HOUSES, AND IN FILLING OUT *CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE FORMS*, AND *VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS*.

Please call with any enquiries.



LIMITS ON CONFIDENTIALITY

VICTIM SERVICES CASEWORKERS TREAT ALL FILES AS CONFIDENTIAL, WITH THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS

- ✓ We must report to police any information you disclose about matters of criminal nature.
- ✓ We must report any evidence of child abuse or neglect to the Ministry of Child and Family Development.
- ✓ We and/or our files may be subpoenaed in any court proceeding related to your case. If Victim Services files are subpoenaed, you have the right to counsel through Legal Aid in order to protect your interests. You do not have to meet financial eligibility requirements to obtain Legal Aid in this circumstance.
- ✓ Victim Services caseworkers may exchange information directly relating to your file with any authorized person or agency when making a referral to that person or agency on your behalf and with your consent.
- ✓ Finally we are obligated to inform police if your condition or situation indicates that you or others are in a dangerous or potentially dangerous situation.

DISCLAIMER

Victim Witness Services caseworkers are not lawyers, counsellors, or police officers; we provide only information, referrals, and support services.