

LISTEN UP!

If a crime is committed against you, or things you own

You have rights!

What are my rights as a victim of crime?



This Charter applies to all NSW government departments, non-government agencies and service providers who provide support to victims of crime.



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You have the right to be treated with courtesy, compassion and cultural sensitivity.



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You have the right to be told about services that can help you.



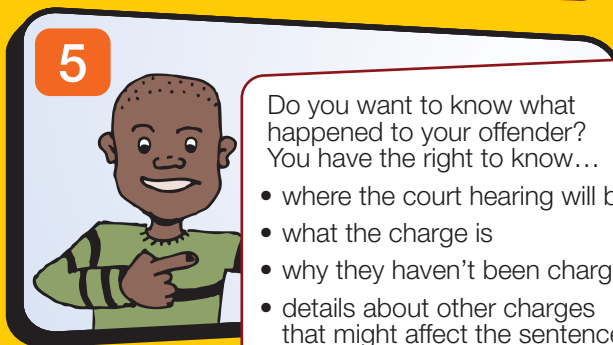
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You have the right to get medical, legal, counselling or other help.



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If the police are investigating your crime, you have a right to be told what is happening if you ask. In some cases, the police may not be able to tell you all the details.



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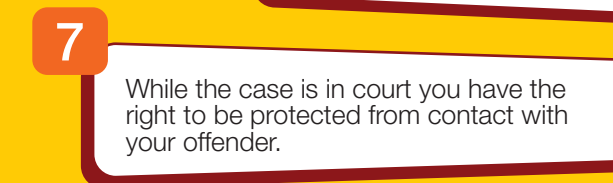
Do you want to know what happened to your offender? You have the right to know...

- where the court hearing will be
- what the charge is
- why they haven't been charged
- details about other charges that might affect the sentence
- what goes on in court, including appeals and sentences.



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Have to be a witness in court? You have the right to know how the trial will work and what your role will be.



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While the case is in court you have the right to be protected from contact with your offender.



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Your privacy is important! In most cases, you have the right to keep your address and phone numbers private.

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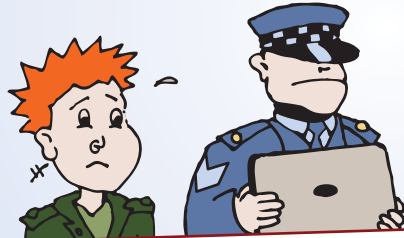
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You have the right not to attend your offender's preliminary or committal hearing (court) unless the court directs you.



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If anything you own is taken as evidence for an investigation you have the right to get it back as soon as possible.



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You have the right for your protection needs to be considered when your offender is applying for bail.

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You have the right to know about your offender's special bail conditions. For instance, they may be released on bail on the condition that they do not contact you.



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You have the right to know about your offender's bail if the offence involved serious personal violence.

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If a case goes to court and you want to make a statement to the court about how the crime has affected you, you have the right to support and information about this process.



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Want to know when your offender leaves custody? You have the right to know when they are released or if they escape.



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You have the right to have a say about your offender's parole.



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If the crime involved serious personal violence you have the right to make a claim for compensation.



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You can make a complaint if you think your rights haven't been met. You can ask for information about how to do this.

If you are a victim of crime or a witness to a crime, report it by calling your local police station, the **Police Assistance Line** on **131 444**, **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000** or **Emergency** on **Triple Zero (000)**

To talk confidentially about what happened to you and any concerns you have about your rights, contact the **Victims Access Line** on **1800 633 063** or **(02) 8688 5511** or visit www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/vs

