

How can victims help protect themselves from the offender?

You can ask the court to order conditions that protect you when the offender is released. The court can order an offender to have no contact with you.

In some cases, you may ask for a restraining order. There are different kinds of restraining orders. To learn more about restraining orders, contact us. We will refer you to the right agency.

How do I get help from Victim Services?

The Victim Services Program is in the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. You do not need an appointment. Just stop by.

You can call us at: (530) 666-8187

Or visit our website at:
www.yoloda.org/Departments/VictimWitness.htm

For help with domestic violence restraining orders, call Empower Yolo at: (530) 661-6336

For help with family law restraining orders, call the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic at the UC Davis School of Law. Call: (530) 661-4477

Supporting and Protecting Victims of Violent Crimes.

In an emergency,
call: **911**

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The Yolo County Victim Services Program helps victims of violent crimes. We are part of a California statewide program that helps victims and their families deal with the emotional impact and the problems caused by the crime.

"We want to make sure all victims of crime know their rights are being heard."

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Who does Victim Services help?

Victim Services helps victims of violent crime. If your case has not been referred to us yet, and you would like our help, please contact us.

What services does Victim Services offer?

- ☞ Counseling after the crime to help you deal with the emotional trauma
- ☞ Follow-up support for emotional, financial, or work problems related to the crime

- ☞ Refer clients to agencies with emergency help for housing, clothing, food, transportation, and medical care
- ☞ Help filing for compensation through the state Victim Compensation Program
- ☞ If you need, we can also notify providers that you owe money to and explain that you may need more time to pay.

Victim Services will also provide advocacy and support when you need it. We can:

- ☞ Explain the criminal justice process
- ☞ Make sure you have a support person when you go to court
- ☞ Give you information about the case
- ☞ Tell you how to get your property back if law enforcement held it as evidence
- ☞ Tell you where to get the information you need for when the offender is released

How much do these services cost?

Nothing. All services are free.

Do victims get money from Victim Services?

No. Victim Services does not give money to victims. But, if your case has been documented by law enforcement, we can

help you apply for the Victims of Crime Program through California's Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. You may be able to get payment or reimbursement from the Victims of Crime Program.

What kinds of things can I get reimbursed for?

You may be reimbursed for expenses or losses related to the crime. But, if those costs can be covered by your employer or existing insurance (or another source), the Victims of Crime Program will not pay for them.

You can ask to be reimbursed for:

- Mental health treatment or counseling
- Medical or dental expenses for the victim
- Lost wages or income
- Burial and funeral expenses
- Moving or relocation expenses
- Job retraining for a disabled victim
- Home or vehicle renovation or retrofitting for a permanently disabled victim
- Financial support to care for the dependents of a victim who died or became disabled.