

# INFORMATION FOR ARIZONA'S VICTIMS OF CRIME

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Being the victim of a crime can be traumatic. You may feel isolated and confused, and not know where to turn for practical advice or support. This brochure highlights community resources available to assist you and explains your rights as a victim under Arizona law.

**\*Esta información en español, se puede obtener en [www.azag.gov/victim-services/resources](http://www.azag.gov/victim-services/resources)**

## VICTIM ASSISTANCE

### AGENCIES & SERVICES

Organizations such as victim assistance programs, advocacy centers, child abuse treatment programs, support groups, and domestic violence shelters are established throughout the state to help crime victims regain control over their lives.

For certain sexual offenses, costs for medical examinations that are done to preserve evidence may be paid for by the Prosecuting Agency. Contact victim services in your county for more information.

**See "Information and Resource Numbers" on the next page for a list of the agencies that can provide victim assistance services.**

### VICTIM COMPENSATION

If you are a victim of violent crime or the next of kin of a victim who dies as a result of a criminal act, you may apply to the county's Crime Victim Compensation Program to recover certain expenses.

There are conditions which must be met to be eligible for compensation, and eligibility does not guarantee an award. To obtain an application or receive more information on Crime Victim Compensation, contact your county Victim Compensation Coordinator (see "Information and Resource Numbers" for the phone number).

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

Adult victims of sexual assault have a right to a medical forensic exam at no cost to them, regardless of whether they report to law enforcement. If you receive a medical forensic exam, but you do not report to law enforcement, the sexual assault evidence kit will be kept in storage. It is important to ask law enforcement or an advocate the amount of time the kit will be stored before it is destroyed.

***For more information on domestic or sexual violence, please visit [acesdv.org](http://acesdv.org)***

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you may seek a protective order. Orders of Protection restrain spouses, ex-spouses, persons living together now or in the past, persons with a child in common or pregnant by the other person, persons who are currently or were previously in a romantic or sexual relationship, and close relatives from committing an act of domestic violence or contacting you. A petition for an Order of Protection (available at any court or online at <https://azpoint.azcourts.gov/>) can be filed with or without a lawyer. If you are a party in an ongoing or pending family law case (ex. dissolution of marriage) or if the juvenile defendant is under the age of twelve, you should apply at any Superior or Tribal Court location. When the court is not open, you may request an Emergency Order of Protection through a law enforcement officer. Emergency Orders expire at the close of the next judicial business day or seventy-two hours after issuance, whichever is longer. An Order of Protection can prohibit the abuser/defendant from going to your residence (even if the defendant has been living at the address), going to other locations, prohibit the defendant from possessing or purchasing a firearm, or committing an offense of domestic violence. If you seek an Order of Protection, your address and contact information will be kept confidential. There is no court filing fee or service/process fee for an Order of Protection. The court will automatically assign your Order to a law enforcement agency or constable for service immediately upon issuance, but you may have your Order of Protection serviced by a private process server for a fee. If there is a firearm present when there has been an incident of domestic violence and a law enforcement officer believes that the firearm would expose the victim or another person in the household to a risk of serious bodily injury or death, the firearm may be temporarily seized and held by the law enforcement agency. To ensure that you, as the victim, are notified of the release of a firearm that has been seized, you must provide the law enforcement agency with any change of address or phone number.

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## **VICTIM RIGHTS**

As a victim of crime in Arizona, you have a Constitutional right to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process. All state, county and municipal justice agencies and courts in Arizona are required to perform certain duties to ensure that you receive your rights.

### **WHO IS A VICTIM FOR PURPOSES OF EXERCISING RIGHTS?**

State law says a victim is a person against whom a criminal or juvenile offense has been committed. This includes any felony or any misdemeanor. If a person is killed or incapacitated, the person's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent or any other person related to the person by consanguinity or affinity to the second degree or any other lawful representative of the person, except if the spouse, parent, child, grandparent, sibling or other person related to the person by consanguinity or affinity to the second degree or other lawful representative is in custody for an offense or is the accused.

## REQUESTING / WAIVING RIGHTS

Some rights are given to victims automatically and some rights need to be requested. The law enforcement officer will provide you with a form that asks you to request or waive (decline) your rights. You will be given a copy of the completed request/waiver form for your records. If you are the victim of a crime, the following rights after formal charging include:

- ◆ To be notified of the suspect's release from custody (see *When A Suspect Is Arrested* for instructions on how to exercise this right).
- ◆ To receive a copy of the terms and conditions of release.
- ◆ To receive notification of scheduled court proceedings.
- ◆ To talk with a prosecutor prior to a plea, dismissal or trial.
- ◆ To make a Victim Impact Statement.
- ◆ To receive a copy of the presentence or predisposition report.
- ◆ To receive notice of a defendant's conviction (or adjudication), acquittal, or the dismissal of the charges.
- ◆ To receive notice of sentencing or disposition results.
- ◆ To have property taken as evidence returned after the case is resolved.

### LEGAL ENTITY "UPON REQUEST" RIGHTS

- ◆ To receive notice of restitution and sentencing/disposition hearings, and notice of the sentencing or disposition results.

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION "UPON REQUEST" RIGHTS

- ◆ To receive notification of scheduled court proceedings, and to make a Victim Impact Statement at sentencing/adjudication.

Your decision to request or waive your rights does not mean that you cannot change your mind later. However, if at first you waive your rights and then request them at a later time, you may be giving up some rights that only apply at certain stages of the justice process. There are other important benefits and protections that apply to crime victims as a case proceeds through the system. ***To request a copy of the full text of Arizona's victims' rights laws, you may contact the Attorney General's Office of Victim Services at (602) 542-4911(Phoenix) or 866-742-4911 toll free.*** You can also learn more about Arizona's victims' rights laws and available services by visiting the Arizona Attorney General web page at [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov).

## YOUR RIGHT TO RESTITUTION

If someone is found guilty of the crime(s) committed against you, the court may order that person to re-pay certain financial costs of your victimization. This court-ordered payment is known as restitution. Victims of crime have a Constitutional right to receive prompt restitution. If charges are filed in your case, it is important that you contact the prosecutor's Victim Services program for more information and assistance with the restitution process (see Information & Resource Numbers).

For more resource information, please visit the Supreme Court's victim restitution website at [www.azcourts.gov/restitution](http://www.azcourts.gov/restitution).

## FREE COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS

A victim of a criminal offense that is a part 1 crime (criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson) or an immediate family member of the victim if the victim is killed or incapacitated has the right to receive one copy of the police report from the investigating law enforcement agency at no charge.

## **WHEN A SUSPECT IS ARRESTED**

Box 3 of the request/waiver form provides information to assist you in exercising your rights immediately following the arrest of a suspect; however, you must act quickly.

**If the suspect is an adult and has been arrested**, you can exercise certain rights by contacting the court prior to the Initial Appearance. You can also exercise your right to be informed of the suspect's release by contacting the custodial agency.

**If the suspect is a juvenile and has been detained**, you can obtain detention hearing information and exercise certain rights by contacting the juvenile probation department. You can also exercise your right to be informed of the juvenile's release by contacting the detention center.

**If an adult or juvenile suspect is cited and released, or a juvenile suspect is referred to the Juvenile Court but not detained**, you can exercise certain rights by contacting the court prior to the date and time that the suspect must appear.

**If the arrest of a suspect is not immediate and you are not notified of an arrest within 30 days**, you can call the law enforcement agency to obtain case status information.

Your employer may be legally required to allow you unpaid leave from work to attend court. Contact the prosecuting agency for more information.

## **SUSPECT IS AN ADULT AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED**

### ***Initial Appearance (Court Hearing)***

Purposes: (1) Determine whether to release the accused;  
(2) If the accused is released, determine the terms and conditions of release;  
(3) Set the next court date(s);  
(4) Obtain a plea from the accused (for some misdemeanor offenses)

When Held: Within 24 hours of arrest

Location: Court and Custodial Agency

Contact: See ***INFORMATION & RESOURCE*** numbers

Your Rights: To be present and heard at the initial appearance and to be informed of the suspect's release

## **SUSPECT IS A JUVENILE AND HAS BEEN DETAINED**

### ***Detention and Advisory Hearings***

Purposes: (1) Determine whether to release the accused;  
(2) If the accused is released, determine the terms and conditions of release;  
(3) Obtain a plea from the juvenile (misdemeanor offenses);  
(4) Juvenile to admit guilt or deny

When Held: Detention Hrg – within 24 hours of arrest

Advisory Hrg – within 24 hours of detention hearing

Location: Detention Screening Section, County Juvenile Probation

Contact: See ***INFORMATION & RESOURCE*** numbers

Your Rights: To be present and heard at the detention and advisory hearings and to be informed of the juvenile's release

# INFORMATION AND RESOURCE NUMBERS - - LA PAZ, YUMA & MOHAVE COUNTIES, THEIR CITIES & TOWNS

## VICTIM SERVICES

★EMERGENCY SERVICES ONLY . . . . .	911
Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) . . . . .	1-888-400-5530
www.idthefcenter.org	
Address Confidentiality Program . . . . .	(602) 542-1653
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) (AZ Office) . . . . .	1-800-553-6233
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence . . . . .	1-800-782-6400
National Domestic Violence Hotline . . . . .	1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
AZ Community Information & Referral . . . . .	1-800-352-3792
Crisis Response Network . . . . .	(520) 622-6000
Birth to 5 Helpline . . . . .	1-877-705-5437
Adult Protective Services . . . . .	1-877-SOS-ADULT / 1-877-767-2385
Department of Child Safety . . . . .	1-888-SOS-CHILD / 1-888-767-2445

### LA PAZ

La Paz County Victim Witness Program . . . . .	(928) 669-6118
La Paz County Victim Compensation . . . . .	(928) 669-6118
Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter . . . . .	(928) 669-8620
Colorado River Tribal Victim Advocacy Program . . . . .	(928) 669-2906
Colorado River Tribal Legal Aid . . . . .	(928) 669-1268

### MOHAVE

Mohave County Attorney Victim Witness Prog . . . . .	(928) 718-4967
Lake Havasu City Victim Witness Prog . . . . .	(928) 854-4388
Bullhead City Victim Witness Prog . . . . .	(928) 763-0163
Mohave County Victim Compensation . . . . .	(928) 718-4967
Sarah's House Victim Center . . . . .	(928) 753-6222 or (928) 753-4242
Domestic Violence Crisis Services:	
Bullhead City . . . . .	(928) 763-7233
Kingman . . . . .	(928) 757-8103 or (928) 718-4967
Kingman Aid For Abused People (Shelter) . . . . .	(928) 753-6222 or (928) 753-4242
Lake Havasu . . . . .	(928) 855-8877
Lake Havasu Abuse Prevention . . . . .	(928) 505-0911
Lake Havasu H.A.V.E.N. . . . .	(928) 505-3153
Trauma Intervention Emergency - Page . . . . .	(928) 505-3153
Adult Protective Services:	
Bullhead City . . . . .	(928) 763-8388
Kingman . . . . .	(928) 753-5040
Lake Havasu City . . . . .	(928) 854-0376
Sexual Assault Crisis Services:	
H.A.V.E.N. Center . . . . .	(928) 505-3153
After Hours Child Abuse Hotline . . . . .	1-888-767-2445
After Hours Adult Abuse Hotline . . . . .	1-888-767-2385

### YUMA

Yuma County Victim Witness Prog . . . . .	(928) 817-4300
Yuma County Victim Comp . . . . .	(928) 817-4300
Amberly's Place . . . . .	(928) 373-0849
Domestic Violence Crisis Services . . . . .	(928) 329-2133 or (928) 782-0044
Safe House . . . . .	(928) 782-0077
The Excel Group . . . . .	(928) 341-0335
Sexual Assault Crisis Services:	
Yuma County CASA Program . . . . .	(928) 314-1830
Children's Village . . . . .	(928) 783-2427

## CUSTODIAL AGENCIES

Arizona Dept. of Corrections . . . . .	1-866-787-7233
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### LA PAZ

La Paz County Jail . . . . .	(928) 669 5816
La Paz County Juvenile Detention-	
La Paz County Juveniles are detained at the Yuma County Juvenile Detention Center.	
All communication, however, should be with the La Paz County Juvenile Probation Department . . . . .	(928) 669 6188

### MOHAVE

Mohave County Jail . . . . .	(928) 753-0759
Mohave County Juvenile Detention . . . . .	(928) 753-0720

### YUMA

Yuma County Jail . . . . .	(928) 782-9871
Yuma County Juvenile Detention . . . . .	(928) 314-1900

## PROSECUTORS

Arizona Attorney General's Office . . . . .	(602) 542-4911
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### LA PAZ

La Paz County Attorney's Office . . . . .	(928) 669-6118
Colorado River Indian Tribal Prosecutor . . . . .	(928) 669-1395

### MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

Parker . . . . .	(928) 669-5892
Quartzsite . . . . .	(928) 927-4333

### MOHAVE

Mohave County Attorney's Office . . . . .	(928) 753-0719
Lake Havasu City Office . . . . .	(928) 854-3501
Bullhead City Office . . . . .	(928) 758-0727

### MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

Bullhead City . . . . .	(928) 763-0155
Colorado City . . . . .	(928) 779-6951
Kingman . . . . .	(928) 753-8091
Lake Havasu City . . . . .	(928) 453-4144
Fort Mojave Tribal Prosecutor . . . . .	(928) 346-2400

### YUMA

Yuma County Attorney's Office . . . . .	(928) 817-4300
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### MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

San Luis . . . . .	(928) 341-8598
Somerton . . . . .	(928) 783-0101
Wellton . . . . .	(928) 344-3000
Yuma . . . . .	(928) 373-5050

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

Arizona Game and Fish Dept. . . . . (602) 942-3000  
Crime Victims' Information Online [www.azdps.gov/services/enforcement/crime-victims](http://www.azdps.gov/services/enforcement/crime-victims)

### LA PAZ

La Paz County Sheriff's Office . . . . . (928) 669-6141  
Arizona Department of Public Safety . . . . . (520) 746-4600

#### MUNICIPAL POLICE

Hualapai Nation Police Department. . . . . (928) 769-1024  
Parker Police Dept. . . . . (928) 669-2264  
Quartzsite Police Department . . . . . (928) 927-4644  
Colorado River Tribal Police Dept. . . . . (928) 669-1277

### MOHAVE

Mohave County Sheriff's Office . . . . . (928) 753-0753  
Arizona Department of Public Safety . . . . . (520) 746-4600

#### MUNICIPAL POLICE

Bullhead City Police Dept. . . . . (928) 763-9200  
Colorado City Marshal's Office . . . . . (928) 875-2695  
Hualapai Nation Police Department. . . . . (928) 769-1024  
Kingman Police Dept. . . . . (928) 753-2191  
Lake Havasu City Police Dept. . . . . (928) 855-1171  
Fort Mojave Tribal Police Dept. . . . . (928) 346-1521

### YUMA

Yuma County Sheriff's Office . . . . . (928) 783-4427  
Records . . . . . (928) 329-2254  
Arizona Department of Public Safety . . . . . (520) 746-4600

#### MUNICIPAL POLICE

San Luis Police Dept. . . . . (928) 341-2420  
Records . . . . . (928) 341-2460  
Somerton Police Dept. . . . . (928) 722-7300  
Wellton Police Dept. . . . . (928) 785-4700  
Yuma Police Dept. . . . . (928) 783-4421  
Records . . . . . (928) 373-4700  
Arizona Western College Police Dept. . . . . (928) 314-9500  
Quechan Tribal Police Dept. . . . . (760) 572-2933  
Cocopah Tribal Police Dept. . . . . (928) 627-8857

## COURTS

Arizona Supreme Court: . . . . . [www.azcourts.gov/restitution](http://www.azcourts.gov/restitution)

### LA PAZ

La Paz County Superior Court . . . . . (928) 669-6131  
La Paz County Adult Probation . . . . . (928) 669-6188  
La Paz County Juv. Probation . . . . . (928) 669-6188

#### MUNICIPAL COURTS

Parker . . . . . (928) 669-0011  
Quartzsite . . . . . (928) 927-7477

## COURTS CONTINUED

#### JUSTICE COURTS

Precinct #4 - Quartzsite . . . . . (928) 927-6313  
Precinct #5 - Salome . . . . . (928) 859-3871  
Precinct #6 - Parker . . . . . (928) 669-2504  
Colorado River Indian Tribal Court . . . . . (928) 669-1355

### MOHAVE

Tribal Court & Probation Dept. . . . . (928) 346-5293  
Mohave County Superior Court:  
Kingman . . . . . (928) 753-0713  
Bullhead City . . . . . (928) 753-0730  
Mohave County Adult Probation Dept.:  
Bullhead City . . . . . (928) 768-7081  
Kingman . . . . . (928) 753-0741  
Lake Havasu City . . . . . (928) 453-0405  
Mohave County Juvenile Probation Dept.:  
Main Office (Kingman). . . . . (928) 753-0741  
Bullhead City . . . . . (928) 768-7081  
Lake Havasu City . . . . . (928) 453-0405

#### MUNICIPAL COURTS

Bullhead City . . . . . (928) 763-0130  
North Canyon Consolidated Court . . . . . (928) 875-8700  
Kingman . . . . . (928) 753-8193  
Lake Havasu City . . . . . (928) 453-0748

#### JUSTICE COURTS

Bullhead City Precinct . . . . . (928) 758-0709  
Colorado Precinct . . . . . (928) 875-8700  
Kingman Precinct . . . . . (928) 753-0710  
Lake Havasu Precinct . . . . . (928) 453-0705  
Cerat Precinct . . . . . (928) 753-0710

### YUMA

Yuma Adult Probation . . . . . (928) 329-2210  
Yuma County Superior Court . . . . . (928) 817-4210  
Yuma County Juv. Probation Dept. . . . . (928) 314-1832  
Yuma County Juv. Court Center . . . . . (928) 314-1900

#### MUNICIPAL COURTS

San Luis . . . . . (928) 341-8595  
Somerton . . . . . (928) 627-2722  
Wellton . . . . . (928) 785-3321  
Yuma . . . . . (928) 373-4800

#### JUSTICE COURTS

Precinct #1 - Yuma . . . . . (928) 817-4100  
Precinct #2 - South County . . . . . (928) 314-5100  
Precinct #3 - Wellton . . . . . (928) 785-3321