

**YOUR RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT TO US  
CRIME VICTIMS IN TEXAS  
HAVE A RIGHT TO:**

- Be protected from further harm or threats for cooperating with prosecution efforts
- Have their safety considered in the setting of bail
- Information about relevant court proceedings
- Information about a defendant's right to bail and the procedures in a criminal investigation and in the criminal justice system
- Provide pertinent information on the impact of the offense to be considered at the time of sentencing and parole
- Information about the Crime Victims' Compensation Program
- Information about parole procedures and to be notified upon the release of the defendant
- Be provided with a separate and secure waiting area for witnesses at a trial
- Prompt return of property held as evidence when it is no longer required
- Have their employer notified if testimony requires absence from work
- Have counseling regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS/HIV) if the offense creates the need
- Be present at all court proceedings related to the offense, subject to judge's approval
- Information and an explanation of these rights

**TEXAS CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND**

You may be eligible for benefits if you are injured because of a violent crime in Texas; a surviving close relative of a deceased victim; responsible for paying medical or funeral bills of a victim; and are cooperating with the investigation of your case.

The Attorney General's Office determines who is eligible and what the award will be. Victims may receive up to \$50,000 in benefits for medical and certain other expenses. There are additional benefits for victims of catastrophic injuries.

**WHAT ABOUT STOLEN PROPERTY ?**

These losses should be reported in the "Victim Impact Statement," which is sent to victims by the **Victims' Assistance Program**. When this is returned, it is included in the prosecutor's file so that restitution can be assessed by the court at the time of sentencing.

Remember, the District Attorney's Office, along with the Victims' Assistance Program, is here to help you understand the criminal justice process. We will also inform you about other services available to victims of crime. Take advantage of these services. Call the Victims' Assistance Program ... we care.



The Victims' Assistance Program and the District Attorney's Office, 500 East San Antonio, 2nd floor, El Paso County Courthouse, will help you to understand your rights.

**HELPFUL NUMBERS**

<b>Victims' Assistance</b>	
DA's Victims' Assistance Program	915-546-2091
El Paso Police Department Victims' Assistance:	
Headquarters	915-564-7045
Central	915-577-5222
Mission Valley	915-872-3614
Northeast	915-759-2046
Westside	915-585-6125
Pebble Hills	915-599-5675
Probation Victims' Services	915-313-9712
Sheriff Victims' Services	915-538-2242/2237
Attorney General's Office	1-800-983-9933
Family Advocacy, Ft. Bliss	915-568-9129
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	
El Paso Police Emergency	911
El Paso, non-emergency	915-832-4400
Sheriff, non-emergency	915-546-2280
Sheriff follow-up	915-538-2291
<b>Emergency Crisis Hotlines</b>	
CAFV 24-hr Crisis Hotline	915-593-7300
STARS Crisis Hotline	915-779-1800
M.A.D.D. 24-hr Crisis Hotline	1-866-880-8233
M.H.M.R. Crisis Hotline	915-779-1800
Texas Abuse Hotline of Family and Protective Services	1-800-252-5400
<b>Counseling Programs</b>	
CAFV Family Resource Center	915-595-2238
STARS	915-533-7700
M.A.D.D.	915-779-1987
Catholic Counseling Services	915-872-8424
Child Advocacy Center	915-545-5400
El Paso Child Guidance Center	915-562-1999
Family Services of El Paso	915-781-9900
Jewish Family & Children Services	915-581-3256
<b>Shelters</b>	
Child Crisis Center	915-562-7955
Opportunity Center	915-577-0069/0357
Runaway Center	915-562-4765
Salvation Army	915-544-9811
La Posada	915-544-4595
Villa Maria	915-544-5500
Reynolds House	915-274-2598
<b>Legal Assistance</b>	
County Attorney	915-546-2050
Protective Order Unit	915-546-2153
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid	915-585-5100
Texas VINE	1-877-894-8463
Probation VINE	1-877-596-8463
<b>Food and Rental Assistance</b>	
General Assistance	915-546-8150
Project Bravo	915-562-4100
West Texas Food Bank	915-595-1060
St. Vincent de Paul	915-877-7030
<b>Immigration</b>	
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services (DRMS)	915-532-3975
Las Americas Migrant Advocacy Center	915-544-5126
Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project	915-532-3799
<b>Other</b>	
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	915-542-4535
Texas Information and Referral Services	211

## SPECIAL UNITS

Your District Attorney's Office has assembled several specialized units to better serve our community's needs. Among them are:

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We focus our efforts in prosecuting crimes involving family violence. Together with law enforcement, we protect the most vulnerable members of the family and look for ways to end the cycle of violence.

### RAPE & CHILD ABUSE

Violent crime involving sexual assault and crimes against children are particularly alarming. The District Attorney's Office has a highly specialized unit that prosecutes these cases. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Child Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400, or in an emergency, dial 911. Remember, it is the law to report child abuse.

### SPECIAL CRIMES

A team of experienced prosecutors works closely with law enforcement detectives throughout the investigation and prosecution of particularly heinous crimes.

### FOREIGN PROSECUTION UNIT

District Attorney Esparza has also dedicated significant resources through the Foreign Prosecution Unit in the pursuit of criminals who have fled to Mexico. Through ongoing diplomatic and collaborative efforts by authorities on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, fugitives are being located, apprehended and held accountable for their crimes in record numbers.

### WHITE COLLAR UNIT

The unit coordinates the investigation and prosecution of public-integrity cases; white-collar theft; and fraud, forgery and welfare-fraud cases. The unit works closely with law enforcement in investigating, reviewing and preparing cases for prosecution.

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Crime victims find the criminal justice system a frightening and intimidating process. However, victims do have rights and the criminal justice system today is taking positive steps to ensure that victims receive the dignity denied them by the criminal.

My office is here to provide **information, assistance** and **support** during a truly difficult time.

If you or someone you care about is a victim of crime, you may contact trained and caring victim advocates in my office ready to help you at 546-2091. You may also email your questions or concerns to [daesparza@epcounty.com](mailto:daesparza@epcounty.com).

Jaime Esparza  
District Attorney

## VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

# 915-546-2091

The District Attorney's Office does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, veteran status, genetic information or any other legally protected characteristic.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN CRIME HURTS YOU!

How the State Program for Compensation and Victims' Rights Can Help You or Someone You Know

HOPE

HEALING

VOICE

HELP



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