

# Crime Victim **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the victim who opts in to be notified under any notification statute to keep the following people and agencies informed of your current address and telephone numbers:

1. The investigating law enforcement agency
2. The prosecuting attorney/victim advocate
3. The Georgia Office of Victim Services  
*(for state incarceration, probation and parole)*
4. Any county correctional facility/jail

The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) will provide you with a notification form and can, if needed, assist you with contacting other agencies to provide your contact information.

## Important Contact Information:

Find your Local Prosecutor's Office  
<https://pacga.org/find-your-prosecutor/>

**Georgia Crime Victims' Compensation Program**  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
(404) 657-2222  
[www.cjcc.georgia.gov](http://www.cjcc.georgia.gov)

**Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force**  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
(404) 657-2222  
[www.cjcc.georgia.gov](http://www.cjcc.georgia.gov)

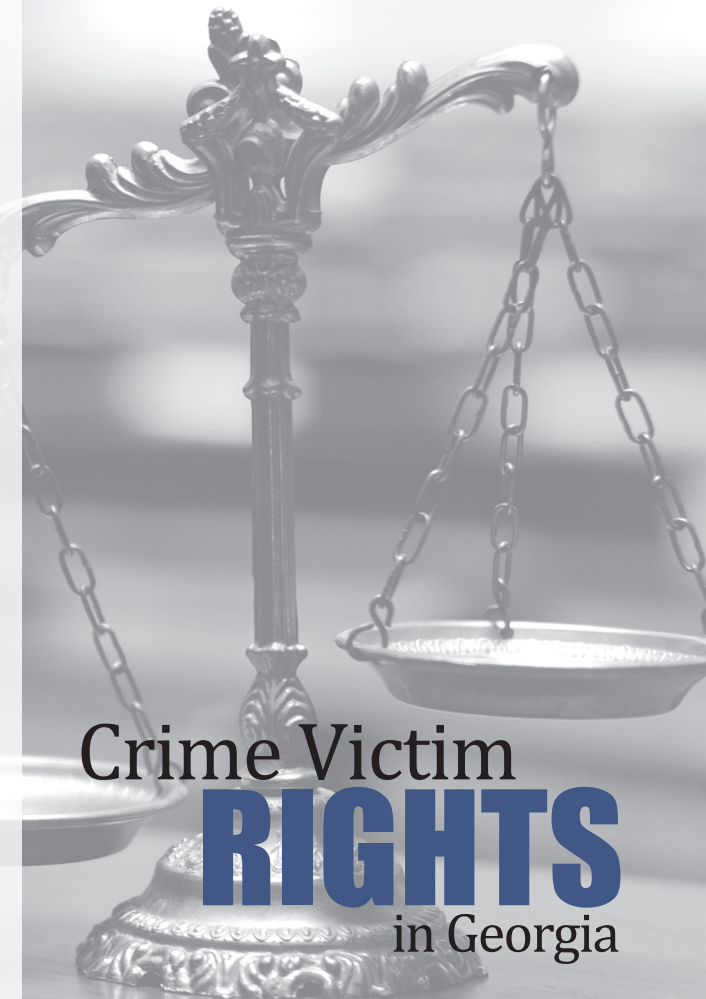
**Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-33 HAVEN (1-800-334-2836)  
(404) 209-0280 local  
[www.gcadv.org](http://www.gcadv.org)

**Child Advocacy Centers of Georgia**  
(770) 319-6888  
[www.cacga.org](http://www.cacga.org)

**Georgia Office of Victim Services**  
*(Department of Corrections, Pardons & Parole, and Department of Community Services)*  
1-800-593-9474 or (404) 651-6668 local  
[www.pap.georgia.gov](http://www.pap.georgia.gov)  
Email: [victimservices@pap.ga.gov](mailto:victimservices@pap.ga.gov)

**Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA)**  
(404) 815-5261  
[www.gnesa.org](http://www.gnesa.org)  
Email: [info@gnesa.org](mailto:info@gnesa.org)

**Crime Victims Advocacy Council (CVAC)**  
(770) 333-9254  
[www.cvaonline.org](http://www.cvaonline.org)  
Email: [askcvac@cvaonline.org](mailto:askcvac@cvaonline.org)



Crime Victim  
**RIGHTS**  
in Georgia

*PAC does not discriminate based upon race, age, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complaint can be found @<http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm> and/or by contacting the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia by sending an email to [communications@pacga.org](mailto:communications@pacga.org). Please reference in the subject line "Grievance Assistance".*

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A Message from  
**Executive Director Peter J. Skandalakis**

The court system can be time-consuming and confusing for victims of crime. The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) is appointed by the Office of the Attorney General to handle prosecution of criminal cases based on existing conflicts presented by the local District Attorney or Solicitor-General.

Our Victim Services Program at PAC can assist you by informing you of your rights, notifying you of your case status, providing you with information and assistance with regard to crime victims' compensation, restitution, victim impact statements, post adjudication matters, courtroom accompaniment, and assisting you through the criminal justice process.

We hope to alleviate some of the pain of victimization through the services we offer. The support you give us is invaluable to the responsibilities we have to prosecute your case on behalf of the State of Georgia. We thank you for working with us to seek justice.

You will be provided with information concerning the name of the prosecutor assigned to your case and the victim advocates available to assist you, as well as applicable forms including a restitution form, the compensation application, and a victim impact statement form. Do not hesitate to contact our office.

## Crime Victim **BILL OF RIGHTS**

*The Georgia Constitution (Art. I, Sect. II, Paragraph XXX) and the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights (O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.) declare that victims of crime be accorded certain basic rights, including*

The **RIGHT** to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;

The **RIGHT** to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused, or release from commitment;

The **RIGHT** not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided or required;

The **RIGHT** to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea or sentencing of the accused;

The **RIGHT** to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;

The **RIGHT** to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;

The **RIGHT** to restitution and compensation as provided by law;

The **RIGHT** to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;

The **RIGHT** to be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case;

The **RIGHT** to agree or refuse to be interviewed by the accused, the accused's attorney, or anyone representing the accused;

The **RIGHT** to set the conditions of any interview agreed to by you, such as time, date, location, those to be present, security arrangements, recordation, termination at any point or refusal to answer any question during the interview;

The **RIGHT** to return of your property seized during the investigation as provided by statute, and when authorized for release by the prosecuting attorney;

The **RIGHT** to a separate waiting area at court proceedings;

The **RIGHT** to request that defense counsel not disclose victim information to the accused; and

The **RIGHT** to notification of accused's motion for new trial, appeal, release on bail or recognizance, appellate proceedings and outcome and the impending parole or consideration of parole.

### **QUESTIONS ?**

*If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities as a crime victim in Georgia, PAC can help. Contact our office at: (770) 282-6300 or [info@pacga.org](mailto:info@pacga.org)*