

Nebraska's Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

VICTIMS OF CRIME (AS DEFINED BY NEB. REV. STAT. §29-119) SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

To be able to see any information that is collected by criminal justice agencies, that is available to the public.



To be present throughout the entire trial of the defendant, unless the victim is to be called as a witness.

The victim will be notified by the parole board of his/her right to submit a written statement for consideration by the board and to be notified of any action taken by the board.



To be notified by the County Attorney:

- Of the crimes for which the defendant is charged
- The defendant's bond
- The time and place of any scheduled court proceedings, including the sentencing proceeding;
- If the time and place of any scheduled proceedings has changed
- If the defendant was found guilty or not guilty, and what crimes he/she was found guilty for, and the penalty
- Of the time and place of any further judicial proceedings if the defendant was acquitted (found not guilty) on grounds of insanity
- Of the victim's right to provide a statement to the Probation Office for the PSI, and information on how to contact the Probation Office
- If the PSI and any statement by the victim included in such report is to be made available to the defendant
- Of their right to submit a written impact statement at the sentencing proceeding or to read his or her impact statement at the sentencing proceeding

To be notified of the filing of an appeal by the defendant.



To submit a written statement for consideration at any conditional release (a furlough from incarceration for 24 hours or longer) proceedings, Board of Parole proceedings, pardon proceedings, or commutation (change in the punishment) proceedings.



To be notified by the Attorney General:

- That the defendant has filed an appeal of the conviction
- About the appeal process, including possible dispositions
- If the defendant has been released on bail pending the disposition of the appeal
- Of the time and place of any appeal proceedings and any changes in the time or place of those proceedings
- Of the results of the appeal
- Of the final disposition of the case within 30 days after the final disposition is made



To be immediately notified of the escape of the prisoner.



To be notified if the prisoner is confined pursuant to a sentence.

Above is a summary of the basic rights for victims of crime. If more information is needed, contact the prosecutor in the county attorney's office handling the case or a victim assistance program. You can also read more at bit.ly/NEvictimsrights. This information is provided as a general overview of Nebraska's Crime Victim's Bill of Rights and is not intended to serve as legal advice.

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