

## The Impact of Murder on the Family Unit

# Canadian Victim Bill of Rights Act

## Investigation

### Victim Rights

**Right to information** about the status and outcome of the investigation of the alleged offence, location of proceedings, and available services.

**Right to protection** by having their security and privacy considered during the investigation.

**Right to participation** by conveying their views when decisions are made by authorities that affect their rights under the *Act*, and to have those views considered.

**Remedy:** Victims who feel that their rights have been breached by a federal department, agency or body can file a complaint through its complaints process.

## Trial

### Victim Rights

**Right to information** about the location and time of the proceedings and outcome.

**Right to protection** by having their security and privacy considered; to have reasonable and necessary measures taken to protect them from retaliation and intimidation; to request that their identity be protected; and to request testimonial aids.

**Right to participation** by conveying their views when decisions are made by authorities that affect their rights under the *Act*, and to have those views considered.

**Remedy:** Victims who feel that their rights have been breached by a federal department, agency or body can file a complaint through its complaints process.

# Sentencing

## Victim Rights

**Right to information** on reviews while NCR (Not Criminally Responsible)/UST (Unfit to Stand Trial) offender is subject to Review Board hearings and about the location and timing of sentencing hearings and their outcome.

**Right to protection** by having their security considered at sentencing.

**Right to participation** by conveying their views when decisions are made that affect their rights under the Act, and to have those views considered as well as to present victim impact statements.

**Right to Restitution** by having the Courts consider a restitution order in all cases and have it entered as an enforceable judgment in Civil Court.

**Remedy:** Victims who feel that their rights have been breached by a federal department, agency or body can file a complaint through its complaints process.

# Federal Corrections and Conditional Release

## Victim Rights

**Right to information** about the date, destination and conditions attached to an offender's release under the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act* (CCRA) and about available programs and services, including Restorative Justice programs.

**Right to protection** by having their security considered and to have reasonable and necessary measures taken to protect them from retaliation and intimidation.

**Right to participation** by conveying their views when decisions are made that affect their rights under the Act, for example, at a parole hearing, and to have those views considered.

**Remedy:** Victims who feel that their rights have been breached by a federal department, agency or body can file a complaint through its complaints process.

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