VICTIM SERVICES

HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS

MN DOC Victim Assistance Program Information
1-800-657-3830
email: victimassistance.doc@state.mn.us

Minnesota Crime Victim Resources:

Office of Justice Programs
Minnesota Crime Victim Reparations
(Financial compensation for victims of violent crime)
www.ojp.state.mn.us
651-201-7300 or 888-622-8799

To find a victim service program and other resources:

United Way 2-1-1: 24-hour Statewide Referral Line
211 or 800-543-7709 (Anywhere in Minnesota)

Office of Justice Programs Victim Service Provider Directory
www.ojp.state.mn.us
888-622-8799

To find a local domestic violence organization:

Day One: 24-hour Toll-free Domestic Violence Crisis Line
www.dayoneservices.org
866-223-1111

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
www.mcbw.org
651-646-6177 or 800-289-6177

To find a local sexual assault organization:

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.mncasa.org
651-209-9993 or 800-964-8847

Crime Victim Justice Unit
(Information and resources)
www.ojp.state.mn.us
651-201-7310 or 800-247-0390 ext. 3

Minnesota Alliance on Crime
www.mnallianceoncrime.org
612-940-8090 or 866-940-8090

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INPUT INTO OFFENDER RE-ENTRY

Minnesota CHOICE offers victims the opportunity to provide a "Re-Entry Statement." The majority of incarcerated offenders will at some point serve their sentence and be released back into society. Usually there is a supervised release period that takes place at the time of release. (This is a period of time when the offender is supervised by a supervising agent or parole agent.) Some victims would like to have the opportunity to provide the professionals who plan for the offender's release information to be considered during this process. Through a "Re-Entry Statement," Minnesota CHOICE offers victims an opportunity to provide this information to the offender's case worker and future supervising agent. Victims can't prevent the release of an offender, but can provide information that might be helpful for the release-planning process.

VICTIM-INITIATED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Minnesota CHOICE offers victims the opportunity to access information or request to participate in certain Restorative Justice processes.

These practices include:

- Offender Apology Letter
- Victim-Offender Dialogue
- “Circle” processes such as VOCARE

For more information about victim-initiated restorative justice practices at the Minnesota Department of Corrections, contact the Minnesota Victim Assistance & Restorative Justice Program at 800-657-3830 or victimassistance.doc@state.mn.us.

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Minnesota CHOICE
Victim Information & Notification Management

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EMPOWERING VICTIMS

Through timely notification and accurate information



ACCESS INFORMATION ANYTIME

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Under Minnesota law, victims, witnesses and others have certain rights. The Minnesota Department of Corrections Victim Assistance Program is dedicated to ensuring that victims' rights are enforced and victims and survivors have a meaningful voice within the state correctional system. Minnesota CHOICE is the Web-based source for notification and information on offenders sentenced to a Minnesota DOC facility.

USING MN CHOICE

To register for notification about an offender in a Minnesota State Correctional facility, visit the MN Choice website at www.minnesotachoice.com.

Dashboard

Your Dashboard in MN CHOICE is where you can view your most recent notifications, access and update your account information, view agency messages and reminders, or search for an offender.

Message Center

Your Message Center provides an alternative method for receiving offender notification information. Every secure Message Center notification displays the full letter as if it were mailed to you by the U.S. Postal Service. Each notification contains the date and time the notification was sent and other important information.

My CHOICE Account

The My CHOICE Account link is where you can update your personal information, manage your notifications, and provide other pertinent information.

Broadcast Viewer

The Broadcast Viewer allows the Minnesota Department of Corrections Victim Assistance Program a way to help you stay informed by sending you important updates.

RESOURCES

The Resources tab in MN CHOICE is your source for valuable information regarding general victim-related topics, including:

- Links to your local victim assistance program
- Safety planning
- Legal rights of victims
- Restitution, reparations, financial assistance
- Education and training
- Victim-initiated restorative practices
- Forms and publications
- Terms and definitions
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Life sentence review process
- Community notification of predatory offenders

WRITE DOWN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE

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USER ID

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PASSWORD

MN CHOICE BENEFITS

- Create your own personal account
- Choose the type of notifications best for you
- Provide information to be considered when the offender re-enters the community (if applicable)
- Access victim resources and referrals
- Learn about and request participation in restorative justice opportunities

INFORMATION

- Offender Identification Number
- Offender Photo (optional)
- Offender custody and supervision status
- Offender release information

Do not rely solely on MN CHOICE for your safety. If you feel you may be at risk, contact your local law enforcement department. You can also contact your local victim service program or the Department of Corrections Victim Assistance Program.