

Victim's Rights

Victims of crime, as defined by law, shall be entitled to certain basic rights, including the right to be informed of and to be present at public hearings, as defined by law, of the criminal justice process, and to be heard at sentencing or at any other time deemed appropriate by the court, to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional or statutory rights of the accused. Kan. Const. art. XV, § 15

The Victim's Bill of Rights

In order to ensure the fair and compassionate treatment of victims of crime and to increase the effectiveness of the criminal justice system by affording victims of crime certain basic rights and considerations, victims of crime shall have the following rights:

1. Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and with respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
2. Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they have suffered.
3. Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in a civil cause of action, the crime victims compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanisms to obtain such remedies should be made available to victims.
4. Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of the proceedings.
5. The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the criminal process.
6. When the personal interests of victims are affected, the views or concerns of the victim should, when appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure, be brought to the attention of the court.
7. Measures may be taken when necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
8. Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose.
9. Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological and social assistance through existing programs and services.
10. Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

“Victim” means any person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional or financial harm as the result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime against such person. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 74-7333

Compensation for Loss

If you are a victim of an Ordinance violation, you may be eligible for compensation for loss from the following sources:

1. **Insurance Company:** You or another party may have an insurance policy providing coverage for personal injury or property loss due to crime.
2. **Court Ordered Restitution:** If you report a crime and the offender enters a diversion agreement, a plea of guilty or no contest, or if the offender is found guilty following trial and placed on probation or parole, the Court in certain circumstances may order the offender to make restitution.
3. **Small Claims/Civil Court:** Civil remedies may be available in addition to or in lieu of criminal penalties. A small claims petition may be filed by you by contacting the Clerk of the Johnson County District Court in Olathe, Kansas, (913) 782-5000.
4. **Crime Victim's Compensation Board:** Established to provide victims of violent crimes with compensation for loss of earnings and out-of-pocket loss for injuries sustained as a direct result of a violent crime. Out-of-pocket loss includes reasonable medical (including mental health counseling) care or other service necessary as a result of the injury. Personal property loss is not covered. The Crime Victim's Compensation Board may be contacted at 120 SW 10th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Topeka, KS 66612-1597, telephone number is (785) 296-2215.

If you have questions or concerns regarding a case pending in Mission Municipal Court, please feel free to contact the municipal court at (913) 676-8325.