

Where should I go for help?

Contact the program nearest you, or ask the prosecutor or local Police-based Victim Services program for a referral to one of the appropriate programs listed below.

Victim/Witness Services

Battlefords

c/o Battlefords Prosecutions
4th Floor, 1146 102nd Street
North Battleford SK S9A 1E9
Telephone: (306) 446-2697
Fax: (306) 446-7499

La Ronge

c/o La Ronge Prosecutions
1328 La Ronge Avenue
Box 5000
La Ronge SK S0J 1L0
Telephone: (306) 425-4576
Fax: (306) 425-4226

Meadow Lake

c/o Meadow Lake
Prosecutions
212 - 1st Street East
Box 8
Meadow Lake SK S9X 1Y1
Telephone: (306) 236-0461
Fax: (306) 236-7593

Prince Albert

c/o Prince Albert Prosecutions
1061 Central Avenue
Box 3003
Prince Albert SK S6V 6G1
Telephone: (306) 953-2798
Fax: (306) 953-3335

Regina

c/o Regina Prosecutions
1801 Hamilton Street
9th Floor
Regina SK S4P 4B4
Telephone: (306) 787-3883
Fax: (306) 798-4098

Saskatoon

c/o Saskatoon Prosecutions
224 - 4th Avenue South
8th Floor
Saskatoon SK S7K 5M5
Telephone: (306) 933-5173
Fax: (306) 933-7665

Yorkton

c/o Yorkton Prosecutions Unit
3rd Floor - 120 Smith Street East
Yorkton SK S3N 3V3
Telephone: (306) 786-1420
Fax: (306) 786-1304

In some communities, a police-based Victim Services program may be able to provide you with some of the services listed in this brochure.

Your Needs Are Important

Victim/Witness Services and other Victims Services Programs are there to help you.

There are many ways in which you can receive assistance from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General if you are a victim of crime, including:

- information and support in the immediate aftermath of a crime;
- information about the criminal justice system and the status of your case;
- payment for reasonable expenses resulting from a violent crime; and
- referrals to related community services.

Victims Services

Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Room 610-1874 Scarth Street

Regina SK S4P 4B3

Telephone: (306) 787-3500

Toll-free: 1-888-286-6664

Fax: (306) 787-0081

TTY: 1-866-445-8857

Email: victimsservices@gov.sk.ca

Website:

www.saskatchewan.ca/victimsservices

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has adopted the **Declaration of Principles Respecting the Treatment of Victims of Crime**. Victims Services is an important part of our response to victims of crime.

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Victim/ Witness Services

Helping victims and
witnesses through
the court process

Help is available, if you are a victim or witness of a crime and will be testifying in court

Victims Services offers a range of services to help you cope with what has happened.

Who does Victim/Witness Services help?

Help is available for victims and witnesses who are required by the Crown Prosecutor to testify in court. Child witnesses are the priority. Services may also be provided to victims with special needs or disabilities, victims of sexual assault, and other vulnerable witnesses, such as those being harassed or intimidated because of their testimony.

How can Victim/Witness Services help me?

Victims, witnesses and their families may feel confused, frightened or neglected by the justice system. Victim/Witness Services can provide you with information and support throughout your experience with the criminal justice process.

What services are offered?

Assessment of your needs and concerns in order to provide you with skills that may assist you during the court process.

Liaison and Advocacy with the court and Crown Prosecutor to help ensure your needs in the courtroom are known. This includes exploring the use of testimonial aids that may be available in some cases, especially for child witnesses.

Information about the status of your case, legal terms, what it is like to be a witness and how the process works. This will give you a better understanding of the criminal justice system. Children are taught about the process in a friendly atmosphere and in a manner appropriate to their ages.

Court Tour and Orientation to familiarize you with the courtroom and the roles of court personnel.

Court Accompaniment to provide support and assistance when you are planning for and attending court.

Referrals to community and government service agencies to meet related needs, such as outreach or counselling.

Private Waiting Rooms are available in courthouses in most larger centres to help ensure the privacy, comfort and safety of victims and witnesses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I have to see the accused in court?

Yes, the accused will be in court. However, the court is a safe place and there are ways that Victim/Witness Services can help to make it easier for you to testify.

Should I complete a Victim Impact Statement?

A Victim Impact Statement is your opportunity to tell the court how a crime has affected you. Before preparing a Victim Impact Statement, talk with a Victim/Witness Specialist or your local police-based Victim Services program about how your statement will be used. They can give you the information you need to help you decide.

Will Victim/Witness Services help me prepare to give evidence?

No, the Victim/Witness Specialist will not discuss the details of the crime with you. The prosecutor may review these details with you prior to court. The Victim/Witness Specialist can assist you in making contact with the prosecutor.

Can I get help to cover my financial expenses?

If the prosecutor requires you to testify in court, you may be able to have travel expenses covered. Also, if you were a victim of a violent crime, you may be able to apply for payment for reasonable expenses that resulted from the crime. Victim/Witness Services can give you more information and help you apply.