

New Hampshire Victim's Bill of Rights

Victims of felony level crimes, misdemeanor sexual offenses, domestic violence or violation of a protective order **committed by an adult offender** are entitled to the following rights under [RSA 21-M:8-k](#):

- The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- The right to be informed about the criminal justice process and how it progresses.
- The right to be free from intimidation and to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- The right to be notified of all court proceedings.
- The right to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.
- The right to confer with the prosecution and to be consulted about the disposition of the case, including plea bargaining.
- The right to have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized.
- The right to be notified if presence in court is not required.
- The right to be informed about available resources, financial assistance, and social services.
- The right to restitution or victim's compensation for their losses if eligible.
- The right to be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings.
- The right to be advised of case progress and final disposition.
- The right of confidentiality of the victim's address, place of employment, and other personal information.
- The right to the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
- The right to have input in the probation pre-sentence report impact statement.
- The right to appear and make a written or oral victim impact statement at the sentencing of the defendant. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when giving an impact statement.
- The right to be notified of an appeal, an explanation of the appeal process, the time, place and result of the appeal, and the right to attend the appeal hearing.
- The right to be notified and to attend sentence review hearings and sentence reduction hearings.
- The right to be notified of any change of status such as prison release, permanent interstate transfer, or escape, and the date of the parole board hearing, when requested by the victim through the victim advocate.

- The right to address or submit a written statement for consideration by the parole board on the defendant's release and to be notified of the decision of the board, when requested by the victim.
- The right to all federal and state constitutional rights guaranteed to all victims of crime on an equal basis, and notwithstanding the provisions of any laws on capital punishment, the right not to be discriminated against or have their rights as a victim denied, diminished, expanded, or enhanced on the basis of the victim's support for, opposition to, or neutrality on the death penalty.
- The right to access to restorative justice programs, including victim-initiated victim-offender dialogue programs offered through the department of corrections.
- The right to be informed of the filing of a petition for post-conviction DNA testing under [RSA 651-D](#).

The right to have the prosecuting attorney notify the victim's employer, if requested by the victim, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a court proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for a good cause.

Note: Upon request to the prosecution, the victim of a "violent crime" (including aggravated felonious sexual assault and felonious sexual assault) committed by a juvenile offender shall have the rights provided under [RSA 169-B:35-a, II](#).