

Canadian Victims Bill of Rights Act

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONTINUUM

VICTIM RIGHTS

Investigation

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.

Note:* NCR: Not Criminally Responsible;
UST: Unfit to Stand Trial

Trial

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

Right to information on reviews while NCR / UST* 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

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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