

Resources

Victim Resources

Crime Victim Compensation
(800) 762-3716, www.crimevictims.lni.wa.gov

Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates
(360) 456-3858, www.wccva.org

Washington State Office of the Attorney General
www.atg.wa.gov

VineLink (Inmate Custody Status Updates)
(877) 846-3492, www.vinelink.com

U-Visa/T-Visa Application Information
www.uscis.gov

Domestic Violence Victim Resources

Puyallup Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
(253) 841-5598

WA State DV Helpline
(800) 562-6025

Crystal Judson Family Justice Center
(253) 798-4166 or (800) 764-2420
www.aplaceofhelp.com

YWCA of Pierce County
(253) 272-4181 or (253) 383-2593 (24-hour)

JBLM Family Advocacy Program
(253) 966-SAFE
www.jblmmwr.com/acs/acs_fap

Sexual Assault Victim Resources

Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County
(253) 474-7273, www.sexualassaultcenter.com

ID Theft Victim Resources

www.consumer.gov/idtheft

Rights of Victims, Survivors and Witnesses

RCW 7.69.030

Crime Victim Rights

As a victim of crime, you have a right to be:

Free from intimidation, harm or threats; told about available compensation for court appearances; told about social service agencies which can help you; and, assisted by criminal justice agencies.

Witness Rights

The Puyallup Police Department is committed to providing guidance and assistance to the victims and witnesses of crime. The employees of the Puyallup Police Department will show compassion and understanding for victims and witnesses and will make reasonable efforts to provide the support and information identified in this brochure.

CRIME VICTIM AND WITNESS

Rights & Resource Guide



Officer Name: _____

Date: _____

Case #: _____

Washington State Crime Victims Compensation Act

Washington state law allows for the aid of an innocent crime victim suffering bodily injury to obtain medical and work loss benefits. Sexual assault examinations are also a covered expense per RCW. The Department of Labor and Industries will determine eligibility based on established criteria. Crime Victim Compensation contact information is listed under Resources.

Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, as defined in RCW 49.76.020, shall be notified of their right to reasonable leave from employment under RCW 49.76.

Protection Orders

As a victim of domestic violence or other violent crimes, you can petition for an order of protection at Superior Court in the County-City Building (930 Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma WA). Financial assistance may be available depending on eligibility.

Victims of Domestic Violence

If you are the victim of domestic violence, you can ask the city or county prosecuting attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to file a petition in superior, district or municipal court requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse, which could include any of the following:

- An order restraining your abuser from further acts of abuse;
- an order directing your abuser to leave your household;
- an order preventing your abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- an order awarding you or the other parent custody of, or visitation with, your minor children; and
- an order restraining your abuser from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody.

Sexual Assault Victim Information

Victims are entitled to all of the rights under RCW 7.69.030.

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Hate Crime Victim Information

Hate is a crime. What are the laws? RCW 9A.36.080:

A person is guilty of malicious harassment if he/she maliciously and intentionally commits the following acts because of his/her perception of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap:

(a) causes physical injury to the victim or another person; **(b)** causes physical damage to or destruction of the property of the victim or another person; or **(c)** threatens a specific person or group and places that person or group in reasonable fear of harm to person or property. Words alone do not constitute malicious harassment unless the context or circumstances surrounding the words indicate the words are a threat.

What you can do about hate crimes.

- Physically protect yourself first. Defuse the situation if possible. Do not respond to taunts. Walk away, don't make yourself vulnerable.
- Call 911 immediately. Police need to know about the crimes.
- Note the physical descriptions of the perpetrators in as much detail as possible.
- Write down everything that was said and done, the time, and location.
- When you report the incident to police, request a case number for your future reference.
- If you know the perpetrators, contact Pierce County Superior Court for information about obtaining a no-contact or anti-harassment order.
- If you see something, get involved. Be a witness if someone else is a victim.

Identity Theft Victim Information

In an effort to better assist the citizens of Puyallup who have been victimized by identity theft, the following steps are provided to help in the prevention of and recovery from identity theft.

Step 1: Contact your local police department to file a report. The designated case number issued by police will be needed by other agencies to further assist you. Any and all documentation you have collected will be needed for the police report.

Step 2: Report the ID theft to your banking establishment and creditors (credit cards, department store charge cards, etc). You may need to cancel accounts and get new accounts issued.

Step 3: Call one of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert. Placing a fraud alert will not allow the suspect to open any new credit accounts. Once the fraud alert is in place, the credit bureau you reported with will notify the other two credit bureaus.

Equifax:
www.lern.equifax.com (800) 685-1111

Experian:
www.experian.com (888) 397-3742

TransUnion:
www.transunion.com (800) 680-7289

Step 4: Contact the US Federal Trade Commission to report identity theft.

FTC:
www.consumer.gov/idtheft (877) - IDTHEFT

Step 5: Contact Washington Department of Licensing.

DOL:
www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense (360) 902-3900