

## Victim Bill of Rights



### You have the right to:

- Obtain a forensic exam whether or not you report to law enforcement
- Have an advocate at the forensic exam with you
- Have the forensic exam sent for testing within 30 days, if reported to law enforcement
- Review the law enforcement report prior to final submission
- Be informed, present, and be heard at all crucial stages of the criminal or juvenile proceeding
- Have an advocate with you during a discovery deposition
- Have identifying information about the criminal investigation kept confidential
- Have the offender, if charged, tested for HIV and hepatitis
- Attend sentencing or disposition of the offender
- Notification of judicial proceedings and scheduling changes
- Notification about the release of incarcerated offender
- Request restitution
- Give a victim impact statement
- Not be subjected to a polygraph
- Take up to 3 days of leave from work (with eligible employer)
- Apply for an injunction if you fear for your safety or offender is nearing release

## Victim Compensation



### You may be eligible for financial assistance for:

- Medical Care
- Lost Income
- Mental health services
- Relocation
- Other expenses related to injuries as a result of the crime

### Contact your local certified rape crisis center for more information.

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## Resources

**Florida Council Against Sexual Violence**  
1-888-956-7273  
[www.fcasv.org](http://www.fcasv.org)

**Victim Compensation**  
1-800-226-6667  
[www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement**  
Sexual Offender/ Predator Unit  
1-888-357-7332; 1-850-410-8572  
For TTY Accessibility: 1-877-414-7234  
E-mail: [sexpred@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:sexpred@fdle.state.fl.us)

**Florida Department of Corrections**  
Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)  
1-877-VINE-4-FL  
[www.dc.state.fl.us/oth/victasst/index.html](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/oth/victasst/index.html)

**Florida Abuse Hotline**  
1-800-962-2873

### Local Rape Crisis Center

**Palm Beach County Victim Services  
& Certified Rape Crisis Center**  
Victim Services SART Center  
4210 North Australian Avenue  
West Palm Beach FL 33407

Office Number: 561-625-2568  
Helpline Number: 866-891-RAPE (7273)  
[www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/victimservices](http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/victimservices)

# Sexual Battery

## Your Rights and Services

If you are the victim of a sexual crime, you have certain rights. Supportive services are also available to you free of charge, regardless of whether or not you cooperate with the criminal justice process.

**Call 1-888-956-7273 to be referred to local services.**

