

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Only the government - not crime victims - may press charges and prosecute crimes. However, crime victims have a right to sue the alleged criminal in a civil action for whatever damages they have suffered from the crime.

In November of 1998, Tennessee voters approved an amendment to the Tennessee Constitution providing for victims' rights in Article 1, Section 35 of the Constitution. Some of these rights include the right to "be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice system," the right to "be informed of all proceedings," and the right to "be heard, when relevant, at all critical stages of the criminal justice process."

Victims of some crimes, primarily violence and personal injury, may receive financial compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act (T.C.A. §29-13-101). This program is intended to provide financial assistance to innocent victims or the dependents of deceased victims in cases where the victim has sustained bodily injury or death as a direct result of violent crime. If you wish to file for compensation, you should contact the Division of Claims Administration. Persons under age 18 must have a legal guardian acting as the claimant. For further information on Victims' rights contact your local District Attorneys office, many have victim advocates among other useful resources.

RESOURCES – NATIONAL AND STATE

ACLU-TN provides the following list of resources for informational purposes only. ACLU-TN does not endorse any of the organizations listed.

- **[Criminal Injuries Compensation Program](#)**
Division of Claims Administration
Treasury Department
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0202
Website: <http://www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury/>
Phone: 615-741-2734
Fax: 615-532-4979
E-mail: Criminal.Injury@tn.gov

The purpose of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program is to assist victims of crimes or, in the case of the victim's death, their dependent relatives.

- **[National Center for Victims of Crime](#)**
2000 M. Street NW, Suite 480
Washington, DC 20036
Website: <http://www.victimsofcrime.org/>
Phone: 202-467-8700
Fax: 202-467-8701
E-mail: webmaster@ncvc.org

The National Center for Victims of Crime is a nonprofit organization that advocates for victims' rights, trains professionals who work with victims, and serves as a trusted source of information on victims' issues.

- **[National Organization for Victim Assistance](#)**
510 King St., Suite 424
Alexandria, VA 22314
Website: <http://www.try-nova.org/>
Victim Assistance: 800-TRY-NOVA (800-879-6682)
Phone: 703-535-NOVA (6682)
Fax: 703-535-5500

The mission of the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is to champion dignity and compassion for those harmed by crime and crisis.

- **[Office of the Attorney General](#)**
Victim Information Services
Criminal Justice Division
P.O. Box 20207
Nashville, TN 37202
Website: <http://attorneygeneral.tn.gov/victim/victims.html>
Phone: 615-741-3491

In the District Attorneys General's offices throughout the state, crime victims and family members work with victim-witness coordinators during the trial and sentencing of defendants.



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▪ **Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole**

Parkway Towers, Suite 1300
404 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243
Website: <http://www.tn.gov/bop>

Phone: 615-532-8112
Toll Free: 866-795-7467
E-mail: BOP.Webmail@tn.gov

TN District Attorneys

▪ **1st Judicial District (Carter, Johnson, Unicoi, and Washington counties)**

Washington County Courthouse
P.O. Box 38
Jonesborough, TN 37659
Phone: 423-753-5020
Fax: 423-753-4803

▪ **2nd Judicial District (Sullivan County)**

P.O. Box 526
140 Blountville Bypass
Blountville, TN 37617
Phone: 423-279-3278
Fax: 423-279-3290

▪ **3rd Judicial District (Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, and Hawkins counties)**

124 Austin Street, Suite 3
Greeneville, TN 37745
Phone: 423-787-1450
Fax: 423-787-1454

▪ **4th Judicial District (Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson, and Sevier counties)**

125 Court Avenue, Suite 301
Sevierville, TN 37862-3525
Phone: 865-429-7021
Fax: 865-429-7025

▪ **5th Judicial District (Blount County)**

942 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy
Maryville, TN 37804-5002
Phone: 865-273-5600
Fax: 865-273-5617

▪ **6th Judicial District (Knox County)**

P.O. Box 1468
Suite 168, 400 Main Avenue
City - County Building
Knoxville, TN 37901-1468
Phone: 865-215-2515
Fax: 865-215-4253 or 865-215-4420

▪ **7th Judicial District (Anderson County)**

101 South Main Street, Suite 300
Clinton, TN 37716
Phone: 865-457-5640
Fax: 865-457-9352

▪ **8th Judicial District (Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott, and Union counties)**

411 Blue Top Road, Suite 2
Tazewell, TN 37879
Phone: 423-626-8002
Fax: 423-626-2073

▪ **9th Judicial District (Louden, Meigs, Morgan, and Roane counties)**

1008 Bradford Way
P.O. Box 703
Kingston, TN 37763-0703
Phone: 865-376-2145
Fax: 865-376-2148

▪ **10th Judicial District (Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk counties)**

P.O. Box 1351
Suntrust Bank Bldg.
93 Ocoee Street, 2nd Fl
Cleveland, TN 37364-1351
Phone: 423-472-2179
Fax: 423-479-4434

▪ **11th Judicial District (Hamilton County)**

600 Market Street, Suite 310
Chattanooga, TN 37402-4810
Phone: 423-209-7400
Fax: 423-209-7401

▪ **12th Judicial District (Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Rhea, Marion, and Sequatchie counties)**

Rhea County Courthouse Annex
375 Church Street, Suite 300
Dayton, TN 37321
Phone: 423-775-4468
Fax: 423-775-2805

▪ **13th Judicial District (Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, and White counties)**

1519 A Spring Street
Cookeville, TN 38506
Phone: 931-528-5015
Fax: 931-528-9359



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- **14th Judicial District (Coffee County)**
409 Madison Street
P.O. Box 147
Manchester, TN 37349
Phone: 931-723-5055
Fax: 931-723-5058
- **15th Judicial District (Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson counties)**
P.O. Box 178
203 Greentop Street
Hartsville, TN 37074
Phone: 615-374-2604
Fax: 615-374-3758
- **16th Judicial District (Canon and Rutherford counties)**
320 West Main Street, Suite 100
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
Phone: 615-898-8008
Fax: 615-898-8039
- **17th Judicial District (Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties)**
311 East Market Street Suite B
P.O. Box 878
Fayetteville, TN 37334
Phone: 931-438-1906
Fax: 931-438-1908
- **18th Judicial District (Sumner County)**
113 West Main Street, 3rd Floor
Gallatin, TN 37066
Phone: 615-451-5810
Fax: 615-451-5836
- **19th Judicial District (Montgomery and Robertson counties)**
101 North Third Street
Clarksville, TN 37040
Phone: 931-648-5574
Fax: 931-648-5543
- **20th Judicial District (Davidson County)**
Washington Square, Suite 500
222 2nd Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37201-1649
Phone: 615-862-5500
Fax: 615-862-5599
- **21st Judicial District (Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson counties)**
421 Main Street, Suite 102
P.O. Box 937
Franklin, TN 37064
Phone: 615-794-7275
Fax: 615-794-7299
- **22nd Judicial District (Giles, Lawrence, Maury, and Wayne counties)**
252 North Military Avenue
P.O. Box 459
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464-0459
Phone: 931-762-7777
Fax: 931-766-0737
- **23rd Judicial District (Cheatam, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart counties)**
P.O. Box 580
200 Dickson Street
Charlotte, TN 37036
Phone: 615-789-5021
Fax: 615-789-5012
- **24th Judicial District (Benton, Carrol, Decatur, Hardin, and Henry counties)**
P.O. Box 627
100 Court Square
Huntingdon, TN 38344
Phone: 731-986-5031
Fax: 731-986-5208
- **25th Judicial District (Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton counties)**
121 North Main St.
Ripley, TN 38063
Phone: 731-635-5163
Fax: 731-221-3086
- **26th Judicial District (Chester, Henderson, and Madison counties)**
P.O. Box 2825
Lowell Thomas State Office Building, Suite 330
225 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Jackson, TN 38302
Phone: 731-423-5800
Fax: 731-424-9039
- **27th Judicial District (Obion and Weakley counties)**
121 West Main Street
Dresden, TN 38225
Phone: 731-364-5513
Fax: 731-364-5804



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- **28th Judicial District (Crockett, Gibson, and Haywood counties)**

113 B West Eaton Street
P.O. Box 145
Trenton, TN 38382
Phone: 731-855-7813
Fax: 731-855-7815

- **29th Judicial District (Dyer and Lake counties)**

P.O. Drawer E
115 E Market Street
Dyersburg, TN 38025-2005
Phone: 731-286-8329
Fax: 731-286-8362

- **30th Judicial District (Shelby County)**

201 Poplar, Suite 301
Memphis, TN 38103-1947
Phone: 901-222-1300
Fax: 901-222-1305

- **31st Judicial District (Van Buren and Warren counties)**

P.O. Box 510
455 N. Chancery Street
McMinnville, TN 37110
Phone: 931-473-9572
Fax: 931-473-7410



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