

# Victims Code

## For people affected by crime

The Victims Code tells you how you can expect to be treated if you are a victim of crime. This is what it means for you.

### PRINCIPLES

You and your family and whānau will be treated fairly and respectfully by everyone involved in your case.

You can expect to be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect.

You will receive quality services that are culturally appropriate.

Your personal information will be kept private.

### RIGHTS

You will be told about services that can help you, what is happening with the case and what to expect when you go to court.

You can speak Māori or use New Zealand Sign Language in court as a witness.

You can tell the judge what you think about the offender being considered for name suppression.

If someone is found guilty, you can tell the court how the crime has affected you through your victim impact statement.

If any of your property was taken as evidence, you will get it back as soon as possible.

In some cases, you can have a say on things like bail or parole and be told when the offender will be released.

You need to register to get information about the offender. You can name someone to get it for you.

If you're the victim of an offence by a child or young person, you can have a say at a family group conference.



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To get a copy of the full Victims Code or to make a complaint about how you have been treated:

 Victims Information Line 0800 650 654

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