

Georgia Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

The General Assembly has provided crime victims with certain basic rights. These rights, which can be found at O.C.G.A. §17-17-1, are:

- (1) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;**
- (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused;**
- (3) The right not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided in this chapter or as otherwise required by law;**
- (4) The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea, or sentencing of the accused;**
- (5) The right to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;**
- (6) The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;**
- (7) The right to restitution as provided by law;**
- (8) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and**
- (9) The right to be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case.**

The Appalachian Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. If you have any questions, please contact your county's office.