
Missouri Constitutional Amendment for Victim's Rights

These rights are afforded to all, pursuant to RSMo 595.209, victims of dangerous felony crimes automatically. If you have been a victim of a non-dangerous felony crime, or a victim of a misdemeanor crime, you must request in writing that your rights as a victim be observed. You may do so by contacting your county prosecuting attorney.

You have the right to:

1. Receive information about the crime and decision regarding the filing of charges.
2. Be informed about Missouri Crime Victim Compensation, receive claim forms, and apply for compensation: Be informed about financial, emergency, and crisis intervention services in your community.
3. Be present and heard at all criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such a right
4. Be informed in a timely manner of court dates, continuances, and the final outcomes of all court hearings.
5. Be provided with a secure waiting area during court proceedings.
6. Reasonable protection from harm and/or threats.
7. Participate in criminal justice proceedings without being discharged or disciplined by an employer.
8. Be informed of procedures to apply for and receive any witness fees.
9. Have property returned once there is a final outcome of a case, and to have a reasonable explanation if it cannot be returned.
10. Appear at sentencing and make an oral and/or written statement.
11. Be notified if the defendant escapes, is released, or dies in custody.
12. Be informed about restriction and to ask the defendant to pay restitution.



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