

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Emergency
911

Schertz Police Department (Non-Emergency)
210-658-5321

Bexar County District Attorney's Office
210-335-2865

Comal County District Attorney's Office
830-620-5533

Guadalupe County District Attorney's Office
830-303-6130

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE (7233)

Battered Women's Shelter of Bexar County
210-733-8810

Crisis Center of Comal County
830-620-HELP (4357)
800-434-8013

Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter
830-372-2780
800-834-2033

Texas Victim Information Notification Everyday
877-TX4-VINE (894-8493)

Family Violence Legal Hotline
800-374-4673

Crime Victim's Compensation Fund
800-983-9933

Relay Texas (Deaf)
800-735-2988

Schertz Police Department Victim



HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SCHERTZ

Case Number: _____

Officer: _____

Schertz Police Department
1400 Schertz Parkway #6
Schertz, Texas 78154
(210) 619-1200

Notice to Adult Victims of Family Violence

It is a crime for any person to intentionally cause you any physical harm, even if that person is a member or a former member of your household.

It is important to tell the officer if you, your child, or any other household resident has been injured, or if you feel you are in danger after the officer leaves.

IMPORTANT: If the officer at the scene believes that family violence has occurred, the officer will arrest the offender at the scene if he/she is present when the officer arrives. If the offender is not present and the officer believes that family violence has occurred, the offender may be arrested for family violence at a later time. In both cases, it is the police (NOT the victim) who will file charges.

You have the right to:

- 1. The safety for yourself and your children. For information about shelters in your area, contact the Schertz Police Department or Victim Services Representative.*
- 2. Counseling and information about the legal system, and getting the offender court ordered into a counseling program.*
- 3. Court ordered protection from the offender. Protection Orders are issued through the County Attorney's Office. This order must be directly issued to the offender. It orders him/her to stay away from you and your family; to stop any communications, direct or through others, that is threatening or harassing; and to stop committing family violence against you.*

ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE HAS A RIGHT TO BAIL AND A SPEEDY RELEASE.

Advierta a Víctimas Adultas de la Violencia de la Familia

Es un crimen para cualquier persona de causarle intencionalmente cualquier daño físico, incluso si esa persona sea un miembro o un miembro anterior de su casa.

Es importante decir al oficial si usted, su niño, o cualquier otro residente de la casa ha sido herido, o si usted se siente que usted corre peligro después de las hojas de oficial.

IMPORTANTE: Si el oficial en la escena cree que esa violencia de la familia ha ocurrido, el oficial detendrá el ofensor en la escena si él/ella es presente cuando el oficial llega. Si el ofensor no es presente y el oficial cree que esa violencia de la familia ha ocurrido, el ofensor puede ser detenido para la violencia de la familia en un tiempo posterior. En ambos casos, es la policía (no la víctima) que archivará las cargas.

Usted tiene el derecho a:

- 1. La seguridad para usted mismo y para sus niños. Para la información acerca de refugios en su área, contacte la Policía de Schertz o Representante de Servicios de Víctima.*
- 2. Aconsejando y la información acerca del sistema legal, y acerca de conseguir el tribunal de ofensor ordenó en un programa que aconseja.*
- 3. El tribunal ordenó la protección del ofensor. Las Ordenes de la protección son publicadas por la Oficina de Abogado de Condado. Esta orden debe ser publicada directamente al ofensor. Ordena que él/ella para ausentarse de usted y de su familia; parar cualquier comunicación, dirija o por otros, eso amenaza o acosa; y para parar la violencia de la familia que comete contra usted.*

CUALQUIER PERSONA CARGADA CON UNA OFENSA TIENE UN DERECHO de DAR FIANZA Y UNA LIBERACION RAPIDA.

The Rights of Crime Victims



The victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or a person who has suffered bodily injury as a result of the criminal conduct of another, the guardian of a victim of the close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights:

- The right to receive, from law enforcement agencies, adequate protection from harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts.
- The right to have the magistrate take the safety of the victim and his/her family into consideration as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused.
- The right, if requested, to be informed of relevant court proceeding and to be informed if those court proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled prior to the event.
- The right to be informed, when requested by a Peace Officer concerning the defendant's right to bail and the procedures in Criminal Investigations and by the District Attorney's office concerning the general procedure in the criminal justice system, including general procedures in a guilty plea negotiation.
- The right to provide pertinent information to a probation department conducting a pre-sentencing investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and his/her family by testimony, written statement, or any other manner prior to any sentencing of the offender.
- The right to receive information regarding compensation to victims of crime as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, including information related to the costs that may be compensated under that Act and the amount of compensation, eligibility for compensation, and procedures for application for compensation under that Act, the payment for medical examination for a victim of sexual assault, and when requested a referral to available social agencies that may offer additional assistance.
- The right to be informed, upon request of parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to be notified, if requested, of

parole proceedings concerning a defendant in the victim's case, to provide to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file information to be considered by the board prior to the parole of any defendant convicted of any crime subject to this Act, and to be notified, if requested, of the defendant's release.

- The right to be provided with a waiting area, separate or secure from other witnesses, including the offender and relatives of the offender, before testifying in any proceeding concerning the offender. If a separate waiting room is not available, other safeguards should be taken to minimize the victim's contact with the offender and the offender's relatives and witnesses, before and during court proceedings.
- The right to prompt return of any property of the victim that is held by a law enforcement agency of the attorney for the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose.
- The right to have the attorney for the state notify the employer of the victim, if requested of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause.
- The right to counseling on request, regarding AIDS and HIV infections and testing for AIDS and HIV related infections, if the offense is a sexual one.
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, subject to the approval of the judge in the case.
- The right to privacy as far as reasonably practical. The address of the victim may not be a part of the court file except as necessary to identify the place of the crime. The telephone number of the victim may not be part of the court file.
- The right to complete a VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT and have it considered by the court prior to the imposition of a sentence and by the Board of Pardons and Paroles in the paroles process.

Crime Victim's Compensation



The Crime Victim's Compensation program is available to assist victims of violent crime with expenses associated with the crime. In order to receive financial assistance from the fund, victims must be willing to participate in the prosecuting of the abuser and complete an application for benefits. The fund is able to pay for a variety of expenses, including:

- ✓ Medical bills
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Loss of earning or support
- ✓ Loss of wages due to participation in, or attendance at, the investigation, prosecutorial, and judicial process and travel
- ✓ Child or dependant care
- ✓ Funeral and burial expenses
- ✓ Crime scene clean up
- ✓ Replacement cost for clothing, bedding, or property seized as evidence or rendered unusable as a result of the investigation
- ✓ Reasonable attorney fees for assistance in filing the application and in obtaining benefits, if the claim is approved
- ✓ Reasonable travel expenses incurred in participation in or attendance at the investigation, prosecution, judicial, and post adjudication process.

The amount of compensation available for crimes that occur after September 1, 1997 is \$50,000.

Who can apply for Victim's Compensation?

- An innocent victim of a crime who suffers physical and/or emotional harm or death
- An authorized individual acting on the behalf of the victim
- A person who legally assumes the obligations or voluntarily pays certain expenses relating to the crime on behalf of the victim
- A dependant of a victim who dies as a result of the crime
- An immediate family or household member of a victim who requires psychiatric care or counseling as a result of the crime
- A peace officer, fire fighter or individual whose employment includes the duty of protecting the public

The Victim Services Program will assist you in applying for and obtaining benefits from Crime Victim's Compensation. Please Call the Schertz Police Department for more information and an application.

Protective Orders

A protective order is a civil court order issued to prevent continuing acts of family violence; harassing or threatening the victim, going near a school or daycare center that a child who is protected under the order attends.

You can apply for a protective order through the district/county attorney, a private attorney, or through a legal aid service program. The application must be filed in the county in which the victim or the offender lives. There are no minimum time limits to establish residency, and protective orders are available in every county in Texas.

If the abuser was arrested for family violence you are eligible for a Magistrate's Emergency Protective Order. It is best to request the order from the officer on the scene.