



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF A CRIME?

- Notify the proper authorities
- Cooperate with law enforcement
- Advise of address changes
- Immediately report any harassment or intimidation.

EFFECTS OF CRIME

Survivors of crime and their family members may have a variety of emotional reactions to the crime, such as:

- Angry outbursts
- Anxiety or panic
- Concern for safety
- Depression
- Difficulty sleeping
- Fear
- Flashbacks to the crime
- Nightmares
- Withdrawal from family or friends

It is common for crime victims to seek mental health services to help deal with the trauma.



Don't Be Afraid To Ask For Help

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police Emergency
911
- Police Non-Emergency
359-6260
- Bond Court
785-8542
- Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-422-4453
- DJJ
785-5526
- Lexington DSS
785-7333
- Lexington Co. Jail
785-2740
- Lexington Medical Center
791-2000
- Lexington Co. Mental Health
791-3580
- Lexington Co. Solicitor
785-8352
- Probation & Parole
785-2551
- Rape Crisis
771-7273
- Sistercare
765-9428
- Victim Advocate
356-2746 or 359-6260
- Vine System
1-800-660-2681
- www.vinelink.com



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VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM



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VICTIM ADVOCATE
SERVICES

An Advocate is someone who provides support and other services to victims of crime.



SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
VICTIM ADVOCATE

Crisis Intervention
Referral Services
Follow Up Contact
Emergency Financial Assistance
Criminal Justice Support
Personal Advocacy
Victim's Compensation

SC Victim's Compensation Fund

As a victim of a crime, you may be eligible for compensation from the SC Victim's Compensation Fund. This fund may provide benefits for medical expenses, lost wages, counseling expenses, or funeral expenses

In order to qualify you must:

Report the crime within 48 hours
Cooperate with law enforcement
Complete an application

YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM

AS A VICTIM OF CRIME,
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:



- To be treated with dignity and compassion.
- To be protected from intimidation & harm.
- To be informed about the criminal justice process
 - To restitution.
- To preservation of property & employment.
- To be informed when the offender is released.
 - To attend bond & court hearings & trials.
 - To be Informed of court procedures.
 - To have personal property returned.
 - To be informed of the status of the case.
- To submit a written victim impact statement.
 - Special recognition if you are very young,
Elderly or handicapped.

A Message From
Lexington Police
Chief Terrence Green

The Lexington Police Department is committed to providing victims with crisis response and other advocacy services in order to help reduce the trauma associated with crime. Please do not hesitate to call upon our police department for assistance.

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