**Crime Victims Bill of Rights**

The Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights, O.C.G.A. 15-17-1, et seq., provides individuals who are victims of certain crimes specific rights. These rights include:

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

The Crime Victims Bill of Rights specifically applies to victims of the following crimes:

* Homicide
* Assault and Battery
* Kidnapping, False Imprisonment and related offenses
* Reckless Conduct
* Cruelty to Children
* Feticide
* Stalking/Aggravated Stalking
* Cruelty to a Person 65 Years of Age or Older
* All Sexual Offenses
* Burglary
* Arson, Bombs and Explosives
* Theft
* Robbery
* Elder Abuse
* Homicide by Vehicle
* Feticide by Vehicle
* Serious Injury by Vehicle
* Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors
* Forgery, Deposit Account Fraud, Illegal Use of Financial Transaction Cards, Other Fraud Related Offenses, Computer Crimes, & Identity Theft

Be aware of the following:

* It is possible that the accused may be released from custody prior to trial;
* Victims have certain rights during various stages of the criminal justice system;
* Victims have the right to refuse or agree to be interviewed by the accused, the accused's attorney, or anyone who represents or contacts you on behalf of the accused;
* Additional information about these stages can be obtained by contacting the pertinent state and/or local agency involved, or by contacting the [Criminal Justice Coordinating Council](http://cjcc.ga.gov/02/cjcc/home/0%2C2478%2C43676881%2C00.html) at 404-559-4949;
* Victims may be eligible for monetary compensation for certain out-of-pocket losses incurred as a result of their victimization from the State's Crime Victims Emergency Fund (Crime Victims Compensation) which is administered by the [Criminal Justice Coordinating Council](http://cjcc.ga.gov/02/cjcc/home/0%2C2478%2C43676881%2C00.html);
* That victims may have available to them community-based victim service programs and that more information may be obtained by contacting the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline at 1-800-338-6745.

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program of the District Attorney’s Office, located in the Coffee County Courthouse, 101 South Peterson Ave Douglas, Ga., provides victims and witnesses with information and support. They can be reached at 912.383.7600 or 912.384.6166.

In Waycross, the Victim-Witness Assistance Program of the Waycross Judicial Circuit is located in the DA’s Office at the Ware County Courthouse Annex, 201 State Street, Waycross, Ga. They can be reached at 912.287.4353 or 912.287.4395.

**SGSC Student Code of Conduct**

SGSC utilizes campus student disciplinary proceedings of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. See <http://www.sgsc.edu/current-students/student-handbook.cms> for detailed information.

**Sexual Assault Resources and Hotline Information**

**South Georgia State College Police**

100 W. College Park Drive

Douglas, GA 31533

912.260.4401

Fax: 912.260.4466

**Douglas Police Department**

225 West Bryan Street

Douglas, GA 31533

912-384-2222

Fax: 912- 384-7779

**Coffee County Sheriff’s Office**

Thompson Drive

Douglas, GA 31533

912-384-4227

**Satilla Community Services**

1003 Shirley Avenue

Douglas, GA 31533

912-389-4586 or 912-389-4430

**Memorial Satilla Hospital**

410 Darling Avenue

Waycross, GA 31501

912-283-3030

**Satilla Rape Crisis Center**

Serving the Waycross Area

912-283-0987

[**Ware County Sheriff's Office**](http://www.google.com/maps/place?source=uds&q=county+government&cid=14322028296840299077)

3487 Harris Road

Waycross, GA

912-287-4327

**Waycross Police Dept.**

512 Oak Street
P.O. Box 176
Waycross, GA 31501

912-287-2921

912 **Georgia Crisis Line**

1.800.715.4225

**Helpline Georgia**

1.800.338.6745

**National Violence Against Women Prevention**
<https://mainweb-v.musc.edu/vawprevention/>

[**Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network**](http://www.rainn.org/)1.800.656.HOPE (4673)

<https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>

[**National Sexual Violence Resource Center**](http://www.nsvrc.org/)1.877.739.3895 (toll free) 717.909.0710

[www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org/)

**Violence Against Women Network (VAWnet)**[www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org)

[**VictimConnect**](http://victimconnect.org/)National Hotline for Crime Victims
1-855-4-VICTIM (1-855-484-2846)

<http://victimconnect.org/>

**Gift From Within**

<http://www.giftfromwithin.org/>

**Safe Horizon**

<https://www.safehorizon.org/get-help/rape-and-sexual-assault/>

**The National Center for Victims of Crime**

<http://victimsofcrime.org/>

Phone: (202) 467-8700

**Love is Respect**

1-866-331-9474

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/>