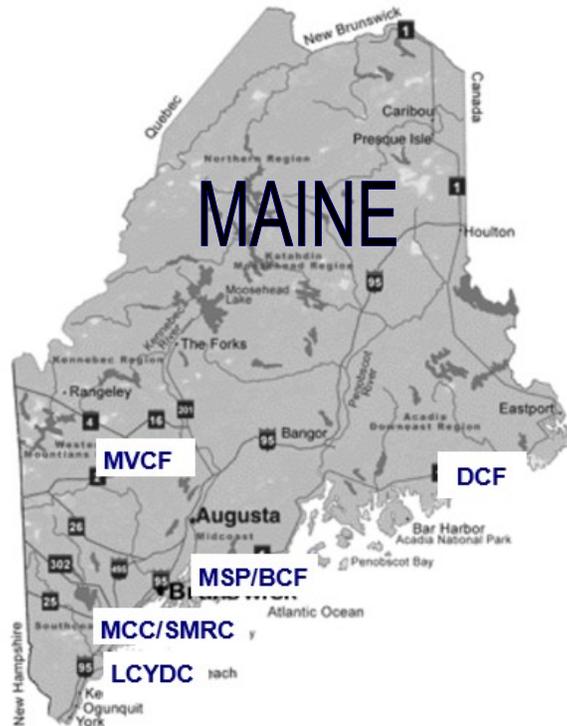


VICTIM'S RIGHTS

VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BASIC RIGHTS:

- To be treated with dignity and respect.
- To be assisted by criminal justice agencies.
- To be free from intimidation.
- To be informed about the criminal justice system.
- To be notified of plea agreements, and the right to comment on them.
- To be notified of all judicial proceedings, including time and place of trial.
- To be notified of the proposed dismissal or filing of a complaint, information, or indictment before the action is taken.
- To have input at sentencing.
- To request restitution.
- To request compensation from the Victim Compensation Board for unreimbursed medical and medically related expenses for victims of violent crime.
- To be notified of resident's release from institutional confinement, upon request.
- To be provided with a pamphlet containing certain statutes which pertain to victim's rights.

MAINE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



Adult

Bolduc Correctional Facility (BCF)	273-5123
Mountain View Correctional Facility (MVCF)	285-0800
Maine Correctional Center (MCC)	893-7000
Maine State Prison (MSP)	273-5300
Southern Maine Re-Entry Center (SMRC)	893-7135
Downeast Correctional Facility	255-1100

Juvenile

Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC)	822-2600
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Department of Corrections Victim Services



**Victim Services at the
Department of Corrections
provides services to
victims of crime.**

(800) 968-6909
(207) 287-4385
(207) 287-4310 (fax)

SERVICES PROVIDED

Victim Notification

(Title 17-A Sec. 2106)

- The Victim Notification Law applies to the victim of a crime of murder or of a class A, B, or C crime or of a Class D crime under chapters 9, 11 and 12.
- A victim who wishes to receive notification MUST file a request with the office of the attorney for the State or the Department of Corrections.
- A victim's request is kept confidential.
- The victim will be notified of work release, furlough, or release from confinement.

Victim Information

- A toll free number (1-800-968-6909) has been established by the Department of Corrections for victims of crimes.
- Information that can be accessed through the line is:
 - *Sentencing information*
 - *Place of confinement*
 - *Anticipated date of release*
 - *Referrals and Safety planning*

Victim Apology Letters

- Residents who express an interest in writing a letter of apology to their victim shall be directed to submit a written request to the Office of Victims Services (OVS). OVS will review the letter and reach out to the victim, if appropriate.

Victim Impact Dialogue

- A victim initiated, structured, facilitated meeting, to discuss the impact of the crime with the resident or client who committed the crime.

Victim Impact Panels/ Impact of Crime Classes

- Based on the MADD Program, to allow residents or clients to listen to first hand accounts of the impact crimes have had on victims.
- Residents who participate are not the resident that committed the crime against the panelists.
- The goal is to empower victims and to attempt to change the resident's behavior.

Furloughs

- A furlough is generally an "authorized leave without official escort granted to a resident from a correctional facility".
- The furlough program is designed to enhance the likelihood of successful re-entry of the resident into the community by affording him or her the opportunity to make a gradual transition from confinement to free society.
- This gradual re-entry into society gives a resident the opportunity to further strengthen community ties and to be reoriented with society outside of a correctional facility.
- A resident is eligible for furlough if:
 - *Classified as either minimum or community custody;*
 - *The resident is within two years of current date of release from confinement;*
 - *Furlough investigation of proposed furlough site (including community sentiment assessment); and*
 - *Furlough is approved by chief administrative officer.*

Harassment

- Victim Services can provide assistance in cases of harassment.
 - *If a person in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections engages in any course of conduct with the intent to harass, torment, or threaten another person please contact Victim Services at 800-968-6909.*

Restitution

- Restitution is the monetary, work, or any combination of service or monetary reimbursement by a resident or client to authorized claimants as ordered by a court.
- Who is authorized to make a claim?
 - *A victim or a dependent of a deceased victim.*
 - *The County where the offense was prosecuted.*
 - *Person, firm, organization, corporation, or government entity that has provided recovery to the victim.*
 - *Person legally acting on behalf of the victim.*
- There are two types of restitution payments for residents with a court order to pay restitution.
 - *Work Program: out of money that the resident receives from working, 25% of their gross weekly wage is withheld.*
 - *Other sources: out of money that the resident receives from whatever source, 25% of that money is withheld.*
- Clients on probation pay a specified amount on a set schedule as determined by the Court or as set by the supervising probation officer.