

## RESOURCES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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**ANDROSCOGGIN DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Lewiston 753-2500

**AROOSTOOK DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Caribou 498-2557  
Houlton 532-4294  
Presque Isle 764-0504

**CUMBERLAND DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Portland 871-8384

**FRANKLIN DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Farmington 778-5890

**HANCOCK DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Ellsworth 667-4621

**KENNEBEC DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Augusta 623-1156

**KNOX DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Rockland 594-0424

**LINCOLN DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Wiscasset 882-7312

**OXFORD DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
South Paris 743-8282

**PENOBSCOT DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Bangor 942-8552

**PISCATAQUIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Dover-Foxcroft 564-2181

**SAGADAHOC DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Bath 443-8204

**SOMERSET DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Skowhegan 474-2423

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**WALDO DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Belfast 338-2512

**WASHINGTON DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Machias 255-4425  
Calais 454-3159

**YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
Alfred 324-8001  
Biddeford 282-3006  
Springvale 324-1174  
York 351-1964

**PORTLAND POLICE**  
874-8519

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
Augusta 626-8800

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCEHOTLINE**  
1-800-799-SAFE

**MAINE COALITION  
AGAINST SEXUAL  
ASSAULT**  
1-800-877-7741

**MAINE DEPT. OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
1-800-452-1999

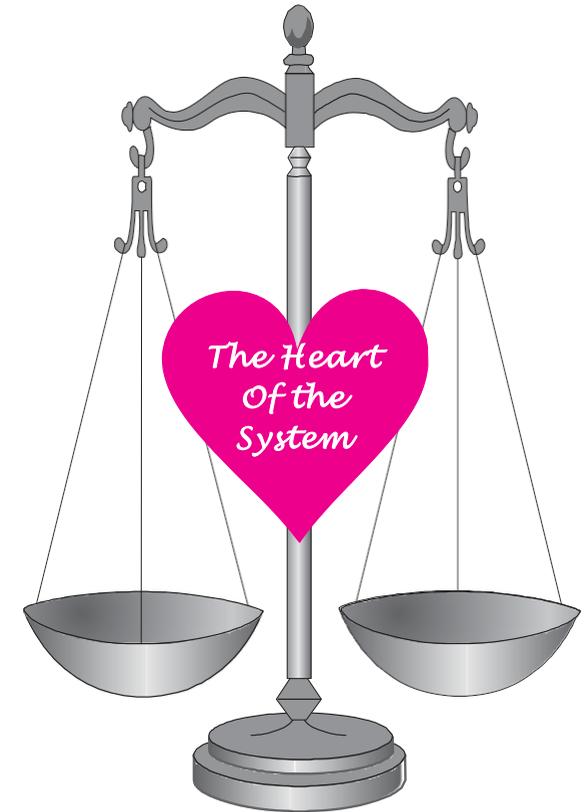
**MAINE VICTIM'S  
COMPENSATION PROGRAM**  
1-800-903-7882

**U.S. ATTORNEY**  
1-800-984-6377

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**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Victim Information**  
1-800-968-6909

Victim Witness Services  
State House Station #111  
Augusta, Maine 04333

# VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES



**MAINE  
ASSOCIATION  
of  
VICTIM WITNESS  
ADVOCATES**

## A WORD ABOUT VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Experiencing or witnessing a crime can be overwhelming and confusing. We are here to help.

Victim Witness Assistance Programs provide support to victims and witnesses who are involved in the criminal justice system. Victim Witness Advocates, Victim Witness Coordinators and Trial Assistants can explain your rights, help you understand the process and provide options and resources.

If you wish to receive all the services to which you are entitled as a crime victim, make sure to contact the Victim Witness Assistance staff for the county where the crime occurred using the information on the back of this brochure. It is important to make sure that the District Attorney's Office has the most up-to-date contact information to be able to reach you.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

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-  Information about the court process.
-  Information about victims' rights.
-  Assistance in applying for victims' compensation.
-  Notification for court hearings, trials and sentencing.
-  Support for preparing to testify and/or make a Victim Impact Statement.
-  Support within the court system on behalf of victims of crime.
-  Referrals for State and local resources available to address basic needs and promote healing.
-  Assistance with return of property and/or preparing restitution claims.
-  Filing notification of release requests with the department of Corrections and/or county correctional facilities.



## WITNESS GUIDELINES

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1. Always tell the truth.
2. Be prepared to tell what happened, but don't try to memorize your testimony.
3. Listen carefully to the question and think before answering. If you don't understand the question, ask for it to be repeated or explained.
4. Do not guess. If you don't understand the question, ask for it to be repeated or explained.
5. Speak loudly and clearly.
6. Look at the person asking the questions while you are testifying.
7. Stop speaking if the Judge interrupts or if an attorney objects to a question.
8. Be courteous. Don't argue with an attorney, even if he/she acts discourteously or offensively.
9. Dress neatly and appropriately.
10. Stay calm.

## VICTIM'S RIGHTS

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VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BASIC RIGHTS:

-  To be notified of plea agreements before they are submitted to the court and to be able to comment on them.
-  To be notified of the time and place of trial and sentencing.
-  To be notified of the proposed dismissal or filing of a complaint, information or indictment before the action is taken.
-  To participate at sentencing by making a Victim Impact Statement or submitting a written Victim Impact Statement with the court.
-  To be notified of the final outcome for cases involving serious physical trauma or serious financial loss.
-  To request restitution.
-  To request financial assistance from the Victims' Compensation Board for unreimbursed medical expenses for victims of violent crimes.
-  To request notification of defendant's release from institutional confinement.
-  To be offered this pamphlet outlining Maine's crime victim rights provisions.