

**A**s a victim or witness, the days and months ahead may be stressful for you and your family. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is concerned about what you may experience as a victim or witness of a crime. It is our policy to recognize and support you as an essential element to effective law enforcement.

The Patrol is committed to providing the best and most modern law enforcement technology available. We maintain a complete and comprehensive criminal laboratory that includes fingerprint identification, ballistics and handwriting analyses, as well as extensive analytical capabilities. But, we still need your help.

Even though this may be a difficult time for you and your family, we need your continued support in our efforts to apprehend criminals and bring them to justice.

The criminal justice system relies upon victims, witnesses, and the community to help hold criminals accountable for their actions. In return, victims and witnesses deserve to be treated with fairness, compassion, and dignity.

This brochure is designed to provide you with some basic information and resources available to you through the Patrol and other agencies. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the investigating officer, prosecuting attorney, or the

**Patrol's Victim Hotline at  
1-888-773-1800.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The prosecuting attorney  
for \_\_\_\_\_ County is:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

1-800-525-5555  
or CELLULAR \*55

**ROAD CONDITIONS**

1-800-222-6400  
or 573-526-8828

**SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

1-888-SOR-MSHP  
1-888-767-6747

**METH HOTLINE**

1-888-823-METH  
1-888-823-6384

**MSHP HEADQUARTERS:**

- Troop A .....816-622-0800  
(Lee's Summit)
- Troop B .....660-385-2132  
(Macon)
- Troop C .....636-300-2800  
(Weldon Spring)
- Troop D .....417-895-6868  
(Springfield)
- Troop E .....573-840-9500  
(Poplar Bluff)
- Troop F .....573-751-1000  
(Jefferson City)
- Troop G .....417-469-3121  
(Willow Springs)
- Troop H .....816-387-2345  
(St. Joseph)
- Troop I .....573-368-2345  
(Rolla)

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**Victim/  
Witness**

**Information**



**Missouri State Highway Patrol**

## Victim And Witness Tampering — It's Against the Law Section 575.270 RSMo.

If you are a victim of a crime, or are acting on behalf of any such victim, and a person has intimidated, prevented, or dissuaded you or has attempted to intimidate, prevent, or dissuade you from:

- Making a report of such victimization to an officer, prosecutor, or judge;
- Causing a complaint, an indictment to be prosecuted, or assisting in the prosecution of;
- Arresting, causing, or seeking the arrest of any person in connection with such victimization:

### This is in violation of the law.

If, as a witness of a crime, attempts have been or are being made to persuade you:

- To disobey a subpoena or other legal process;
- To absent yourself or avoid subpoena or other legal process;
- To withhold evidence, information, documents, or to testify falsely;

### and someone:

- Threatens to cause harm to any person or property;
- Uses force, threats, or deception;
- Offers, provides, or agrees to provide any direct or indirect benefit or gain for such witness;
- Communicates any of these to someone else in order to conspire with them:

### This is in violation of the law.

Please inform the investigating officer or prosecuting attorney if any of these are occurring in your case. A court with jurisdiction over a criminal matter may issue a protection order in certain instances.

## Crime Victims' Compensation



As a victim of crime, if you have suffered injuries that have caused:

- A financial loss of at least \$50 out-of-pocket expense, or
- A loss of two continuous weeks of earnings or support from employment,

you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. For further, specific information about this fund, expenses that may be covered, or for an application and brochure, you may contact:

# 1-800-347-6881

## Rights For Victims And Witnesses Section 595.200 RSMo.

The prosecutor and all agencies shall cooperate to afford victims and witnesses the following rights and services. To secure your rights, provide the prosecutor with a written request. You have a right to:

- Reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on behalf of the defendant from harm and threats of

harm arising out of your cooperation with justice efforts.

- A secure waiting area during court events.
- Information about the crime and case status, including juvenile cases.
- Attend all proceedings at which the defendant has such right to attend, even if the victim is or may be called to testify.
- Timely notification by the prosecutor when a court proceeding will not occur.
- Timely information about the filing of charges or the decision not to file charges, trial hearing dates, continuances, and final disposition of the case.
- Confer with and be informed of bail hearings, guilty pleas, hearings, sentencing, and probation revocations hearings, and to be heard at such hearings.
- Provide a victim impact statement via personal appearance, written statement, video tape, or audio tape.
- Information about procedures to be followed in order to apply for and receive any witness fees.
- Information about the right to restitution.
- Information about victim compensation assistance, and access to copies of completed, unaltered, unedited investigation reports upon request to the appropriate agency.
- Intercession to prevent discipline of a witness by their employer for honoring a subpoena or participating in the criminal proceeding.
- Expedited return of property when no longer needed.
- Creditor intercession services by prosecutor.
- Notification of any release or escape of defendant from custody (current address must be provided for notice to be given).