

Harassment and Threats

If you are being harassed or threatened by the suspect or someone associated with the suspect, immediately report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency and notify the investigator handling your case. Take all threats seriously and implement risk reduction techniques in your daily routine.

Important Telephone Numbers

Police Agencies

Georgetown Police Department	545-4300
Georgetown County Sheriff's Office	436-3600
South Carolina Highway Patrol	803-896-7920
State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	803-737-9000

Community Resources

Georgetown Municipal Court	545-4020
Georgetown County Detention Center	545-3400
15 th Circuit Solicitor's Office	546-3751
Georgetown County Clerk of Court	545-3215
Georgetown County Magistrate's Court	545-3381
Department of Juvenile Justice	546-8723
Department of Social Services	546-5134
Rape Crisis Center	448-7273
Family Justice Center Of Georgetown	546-3926
SC Dept of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services	
Georgetown	546-9798
Columbia	888-551-4118
Waccamaw Mental Health	546-6107
Crime Victim Research Center (MUSC)	792-2945
SC Crime Victim's Ombudsman	803-734-0357
SC Department of Corrections	803-896-8500
SC Dept of Juvenile Justice	
Victim Services	888-224-6165
State Office of Victim Assistance	803-734-1900
SC Victim Assistance Network	888-852-1900

To obtain a copy of the police report free of charge, please call the Investigating Police Agency.

The Georgetown Police Department has a crime victim's advocate on staff who:

- Provides a copy of police incident reports to victims.
- Makes contact with the victim, assessing the current situation and informs the victim of services provided by the agency.
- Provides information and support regarding legal action (i.e. Restraining orders, order of protection, and the AWARE security system) related to the domestic violence incident.
- Advises the victim of safety measures that can prevent the family from further harm.
- Provides necessary access to emergency shelter if necessary.
- Refers victims to the social worker if necessary.

For further information contact:

Chanda Robinson

Victim/Witness Advocate

Georgetown Police Department

(843)545-4375

Crime Victim's Assistance Program



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911—Emergency
(843)545-4300—Non-Emergency

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Chief of Police

The South Carolina Crime Victim's Act requires specific action be taken by law enforcement and the courts for certain types of crime victims. Law enforcement based advocates are involved in the investigative process to advocate for the rights of the victim, and to act as a liaison between the victim and the agency. When a crime is committed in the City of Georgetown, one of our primary concerns is the victim. In an effort to ensure the rights of the victim, Georgetown Police Department established a Victim's Assistance Program. This program offers a variety of services that are available to you, some of which are listed in this brochure. My officers and staff are here to assist you.

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Chief of Police

Your Rights

As a victim of crime, you have the right to:

- Be treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, through the criminal justice process, and informed of the victim's constitutional rights provided by statute.
- Be reasonably informed when the accused or convicted person is arrested, released from custody, or has escaped.

- Be informed of and present at any criminal proceedings, which are dispositive of the charges where the defendant has a right to be present.
- Be reasonably informed of and be allowed to submit either a written or oral statement at all hearings affecting bond or bail.
- Be heard at any proceeding involving a post arrest decision, a plea, of sentencing.
- Be reasonably protected from the accused or persons acting on his behalf throughout the criminal justice process.
- Confer with the prosecution, after the crime against the victim has been charged, before trial or before any disposition and informed of the disposition.
- Have reasonable access after the conclusion of the criminal investigation to all documents relating to the crime against the victim before the trial.
- Receive prompt and full restitution from the person or persons convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the victim's loss or injury including both adult and juvenile offenders.
- Be informed of any proceeding when any post-conviction action is being considered, and be present at any post conviction hearing involving a post conviction release decision.
- A reasonable disposition and prompt and final conclusion of the case.
- Have all rules governing the criminal procedure and the admissibility of evidence in all criminal proceedings protect victim's rights and have these rules subject to amendment or appeal by the legislature to ensure protection of these rights.

Your Responsibilities

- Inform the appropriate agencies of any change of address and phone number (including alternate address and phone number where you may be reached during summer vacation, leave of absence, etc.).
- Inform the appropriate agency if you would like to be notified.
- Notify the appropriate agency of your desire to receive restitution.

Financial Assistance

As a crime victim, you may be eligible to receive financial compensation from the South Carolina Victim Compensation fund for the following losses that are not covered by insurance or other sources.

- Medical expenses
- Loss of income
- Counseling expenses
- Funeral expenses (in the case of death)

Property loss, pain and suffering cannot be compensated.

To be eligible to receive victim compensation the applicant must:

- File a claim within 180 days of the date of the crime.
- Fully cooperate with all law enforcement agencies and with the Division of Victim Assistance.
- Not have engaged in any illegal activity at the time of the crime.