




# Victim Services & Advocacy Program

Houston's top non-profit that keeps you safe *everyday*.

## How to Report a Tip

 Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)

 Use our **Mobile App**  
Download app name: Crime Stoppers Houston

 Go to [crime-stoppers.org](https://www.crime-stoppers.org)

Tipsters will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5,000.

The function of the Victim Services and Advocacy Program is to promote safety, healing, justice and rights for crime victims and survivors.

Being a victim of a crime is frightening and unsettling for the millions of Americans who unfortunately experience it each year. Progress has been made in improving the rights of crime victims. Victims and survivors of homicide, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence and other serious offenses have transformed their victimization into a vehicle for ensuring that victims of crime receive justice, meaningful assistance and compassionate treatment.

## Do you know your rights as a CRIME VICTIM?

As a victim of violent crime in Texas, you have the following rights:

- The right to be notified of all court proceedings including cancellation and rescheduling
- The right to receive information about the Texas Crime Victim Compensation Fund that provides financial assistance to victims of violent crimes.
- The right to have the magistrate take the safety of the victim or their family into consideration as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused.
- If you so request, the right to information about procedures in the criminal investigation of your case by law enforcement officials, and about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea bargaining, restitution, appeals and parole from the prosecutor's office.
- The right to complete a Victim Impact Statement, detailing the emotional, physical and financial impact that the crime has had on you and your family, and to have that statement considered by the judge at sentencing and by the parole board.

## Mission in Action

Crime Stoppers of Houston's Victim Services and Advocacy Program provides the following to crime victims and survivors:

- Act as an advocate on all stages of victimization
- Ensure crime victims and survivors have a voice in our criminal justice system
- Empower crime victims and survivors to assist in rebuilding their lives
- Collaborate with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, probation and parole departments, juvenile justice systems and social services in assisting all victims of crime
- Accompany victims and survivors to Court and Parole Board hearings
- Guide victims and survivors through media inquiries and engagements
- Refer victims and survivors to local, state-wide and national victim assistance organizations
- Work for legislative improvement to enhance victims' rights and public safety
- Conduct community events to commemorate victims and survivors

## Resources for Victims and Survivors

### Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

AVDA

713-224-9911

Bay Area Turning Point

281-286-2525

Bridge Over Troubled Water

713-472-0753

Daya

713-981-7645

Family Time

281-446-2615

Houston Area Women's Center

713-528-2121

Harris County Domestic Violence

Coordinating Council

281-400-3680

### Drunk Driving

MADD

281-590-2222

### Homicide

Parents of Murdered Children

713-472-5640/713-522-9045

### Missing Persons

Texas Equusearch

281-309-9500

Texas Center for the Missing

281-309-9500

### Sexual Abuse of Children

Children's Assessment Center

713-986-3300

## Law Enforcement Victim Service Departments

### Houston Police Department

713-308-0080

### Harris County Sheriff's Office

713-274-9369

### Harris County District Attorney's Office

713-274-0250

### Harris County Constable Pct. 5

832-927-1368

### Harris County Constable Pct. 7

713-274-3521

### Attorney General of Texas Crime Victim Services Division

713-267-3004

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