

## Horry County Police Department

### Victim's Rights Form

**As a Victim or Witness of a crime, you have the right to:**

- Be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity;
- Be free from intimidation or harm throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process;
- Be informed about victims' rights;
- Be reasonably informed about criminal proceedings;
- Be informed if the accused is arrested, released, or escapes;
- Confer with the prosecution before the case is heard in court;
- Be present at criminal proceedings where the accused has the right to be present;
- Be heard at proceedings affecting bond, bail, release, pleas, or sentencing;
- Have reasonable access to documents relating to the crime before trial;
- Receive restitution from the adult or juvenile offenders; and
- A reasonable, prompt and final conclusion of the case.

**Local victim assistance and Social Services providers:**

**Family Justice Center.....844-208-0161**  
**Family Court Orders of Protection .....843-915-5085**  
**Solicitor's Office Victim Advocate..... 843-915-5464**  
**Detention Center Victim Advocate ..... 843-915-6915**

**Rape Crisis Center 24hr hotline.....843-448-7273**  
**Dept. of Social Services ..... 843-366-1600**  
**Mental Health..... 843-347-4888**  
**Horry County Police Department**  
**Victim Advocate ..... 843-915-8348**

As a victim of a crime, you may be eligible for victim's compensation benefits or other social services assistance. To be eligible, you must report the crime within 48 hours of occurrence, and you must cooperate completely with law enforcement and judicial system officials. If you have any questions concerning eligibility, or need assistance in applying for victim's compensation benefits, please contact the Law Enforcement Victim's Advocate. For Victim's Advocates during weekends or for emergency assistance, call 843-915-6915 or 843-248-1520.

For Criminal Domestic Violence Victims: I have been informed of: 1) the right to initiate judicial proceedings, 2) the importance of preserving evidence, 3) the right to be transported to safety, and if applicable, 4) what an *Order of Protection* is and how to obtain one. ([click here for more information](#))

SC Statute 16-3-1515 requires that you, the victim, provide law enforcement officials with a current contact number and a current address if you want to exercise your right of notification. If either changes, notify the law enforcement victim's advocate immediately.

Victim Contact Information: This information is essential in order for you to be notified. If you have no phone, you must notify the department of the proper method to contact you.