

FOR VICTIMS OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

CRIME VICTIM INFORMATION SHEET AND JUVENILE VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT PACKET

ATENCION: Si tiene preguntas sobre este document, favor de llamar al _____ para asistencia en español.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

1. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS: You have crime victim rights if you are a:

- Victim,
- Parent/Guardian of a victim, or
- Close relative of a deceased victim.

2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHEET:

- Used by criminal justice professionals to contact you throughout the process.
- Used to elect and exercise your rights to notification of court proceedings, probation, parole and release.
- Used to notify if you want to refuse any contact with the defendant.

YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE KEPT INFORMED.

After the offender/respondent is adjudicated and placed on juvenile probation or sent to a Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facility, notify the Victim Assistance Coordinator in your county, _____ of any new contact information. If your offender/respondent is committed to TYC notify TYC Victim Services toll free at 888-850-7369.

3. JUVENILE VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT: Victims have the right to submit a Juvenile Victim Impact Statement. The Juvenile Victim Impact Statement is a written, detailed account of the emotional, physical, psychological, and financial impact the crime has had on the victims and family members. This document can be used to explain your feelings of loss, frustration, and fear. Only you can provide this vital information. The Juvenile Victim Impact Statement has become a significant tool in the criminal justice process.

HOW YOUR VIS IS USED:

Prosecutor:

- Considers your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement before entering into a plea arrangement.
- Considers your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement to determine the restitution amount (if requested).

Judge:

- Considers your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement before imposing a sentence; however, the Juvenile Victim Impact Statement is not considered by a jury.
- Considers your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement before accepting the plea.

Your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement, excluding Section 2 of the Confidential Information Sheet, becomes a formal part of the court record and can be seen by the defendant and his attorney. The defendant or his attorney may comment on the Juvenile Victim Impact Statement and, with approval of the court, introduce evidence or testimony in regards to its accuracy.

Juvenile Probation:

- Juvenile probation officers have access to your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement for notification purposes.

Juvenile Parole:

- Your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement will be considered prior to the release of the offender/respondent back into the community.

If the offender/respondent is committed to TYC, your Juvenile Victim Impact Statement goes with his or her court records to the Texas Youth Commission.

Sec. 57.002. VICTIM'S RIGHTS. (a) A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights within the juvenile justice system:

- (1) the right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;
 - (2) the right to have the court or person appointed by the court take the safety of the victim or the victim's family into consideration as an element in determining whether the child should be detained before the child's conduct is adjudicated;
 - (3) the right, if requested, to be informed of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, and to be informed in a timely manner if those court proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled;
 - (4) the right to be informed, when requested, by the court or a person appointed by the court concerning the procedures in the juvenile justice system, including general procedures relating to:
 - (A) the preliminary investigation and deferred prosecution of a case; and
 - (B) the appeal of the case;
 - (5) the right to provide pertinent information to a juvenile court conducting a disposition hearing concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family by testimony, written statement, or any other manner before the court renders its disposition;
 - (6) the right to receive information regarding compensation to victims as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure, including information related to the costs that may be compensated under that subchapter and the amount of compensation, eligibility for compensation, and procedures for application for compensation under that subchapter, the payment of medical expenses under Section 56.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, for a victim of a sexual assault, and when requested, to referral to available social service agencies that may offer additional assistance;
 - (7) the right to be informed, upon request, of procedures for release under supervision or transfer of the person to the custody of the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for parole, to participate in the release or transfer for parole process, to be notified, if requested, of the person's release, escape, or transfer for parole proceedings concerning the person, to provide to the Texas Youth Commission for inclusion in the person's file information to be considered by the commission before the release under supervision or transfer for parole of the person, and to be notified, if requested, of the person's release or transfer for parole;
 - (8) the right to be provided with a waiting area, separate or secure from other witnesses, including the child alleged to have committed the conduct and relatives of the child, before testifying in any proceeding concerning the child, or, if a separate waiting area is not available, other safeguards should be taken to minimize the victim's contact with the child and the child's relatives and witnesses, before and during court proceedings;
 - (9) the right to prompt return of any property of the victim that is held by a law enforcement agency or the attorney for the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose;
 - (10) the right to have the attorney for the state notify the employer of the victim, if requested, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause;
 - (11) the right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the conduct of the child as provided by Section 54.08, subject to that section; and
 - (12) any other right appropriate to the victim that a victim of criminal conduct has under Article 56.02, Code of Criminal Procedure.
- (b) In notifying a victim of the release or escape of a person, the Texas Youth Commission shall use the same procedure established for the notification of the release or escape of an adult offender under Article 56.11, Code of Criminal Procedure.

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**JUVENILE VICTIM IMPACT CONTACT
INFORMATION**

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHEET

OFFENSE INFORMATION. To be completed by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Offense:	Offense date:		
Offender/Respondent			
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(DOB)
Cause/Petition #:	Court #:		
County of offense:	County of adjudication:		
PID/TYC #:	SID #:		

The Confidential Information Sheet will be used by juvenile criminal justice professionals to contact you throughout the process. **SECTIONS 1 & 2.** To be completed by the victim, parent/guardian or close relative of the victim.

SECTION 1. NOTIFICATION.

- Do you want to be notified of relevant court proceedings? YES NO
- If the offender/respondent is placed on juvenile probation, do you want to be notified of relevant actions & court proceedings? YES NO
- If the offender/respondent is committed to the Texas Youth Commission, do you want to be notified if he/she is being considered for parole, release, or discharge? YES NO
- If the offender/respondent is adjudicated and placed on juvenile probation or committed to a Texas Youth Commission facility, do you want communications with the offender restricted? YES NO

(Please be aware if you check NO on any of the above questions, you waive the right to be informed of pending, current, or subsequent actions relating to your case).

IF YOU MOVE OR CHANGE ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL YOUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

SECTION 2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Victim's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

Person Submitting this Statement: _____ Relationship to Victim: _____
(Parent or guardian if victim is a minor)

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please provide the contact information of someone who will always know how to reach you.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



JUVENILE VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

➡ RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR ⬅

OFFENSE INFORMATION. To be completed by the Victim Assistance Coordinator.

Offense:		Offense date:		
Offender/Respondent				
(Last Name)		(First Name)		(DOB)
(MI)				
Co-Offender/Respondent:				
(Last Name)		(First Name)		(DOB)
(MI)				
Cause/Petition #:		Court #:		
County of offense:		County of adjudication:		
PID/TYC #:		SID #:		
Victim Assistance Coordinator:			Rec'd:	
Agency:				
Address:				
Phone:		E-mail:		

JUVENILE VICTIM IMPACT INFORMATION. To be completed by the victim, parent/guardian or close relative of the victim. Please give any other information you believe is important about the effect of this crime on you and your family. Please do not relate any information about the crime itself; those facts are available already in other reports.

Victim's Name:

The information in this statement will show the impact the crime has on the victim, the parents, guardians or close relative of the victim or other family members of the victim. It may be used at each phase of the juvenile criminal justice process: from the prosecution of the offense; to commitment to the Texas Youth Commission; and through the parole release/review process. Please answer only as many questions as you wish. If you need more space, feel free to use additional sheets of paper and attach them to this Juvenile Victim Impact Statement.

EMOTIONAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT. Use this section to discuss your feelings about what has happened to you as a result of the crime and how it has affected your general well-being. Please check all the reactions you have experienced.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of concentration | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of strangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nightmares | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of being alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Anger | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of security/control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No trust in anyone | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Cry more easily | <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of suicide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serious change in appetite | <input type="checkbox"/> Job stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Family not as close | <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of helplessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Want to be alone | <input type="checkbox"/> School stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of leaving home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |

PHYSICAL INJURY. Use this section to discuss what physical injuries or symptoms were suffered as a result of this crime. You may want to write about the extent of the injuries, how long your injuries lasted, and if you received and/or where you received medical treatment for your injuries. If more space is required, please use additional pages.

Indicate medical treatment received. Attach a doctor's statement if you wish.

Treated at the scene only Treated at medical center
 Hospitalized for ___ days Other (Please explain)

ECONOMIC LOSS. Use this section to record the extent of economic and financial loss as a result of this crime. You may want to begin a journal of economic loss as soon as possible after the crime occurred. In the event of a conviction, this information may be used later by the presiding judge to determine any restitution owed by the defendant.

Estimate of Economic Loss	Cost to Date	Future Expected Costs
Loss of income from work	\$ _____	\$ _____
Property loss or damage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Doctor/hospital bills	\$ _____	\$ _____
Counseling expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____
Emergency transportation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Crime scene cleanup	\$ _____	\$ _____
Moving expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____
Funeral expenses (If applicable)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (Please explain)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Amount covered by insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____

Feel free to attach copies of receipts, bills, and canceled checks. Are copies attached? Yes No

Have you applied for Crime Victims' Compensation through the Attorney General's Office in Austin? Yes No

If you have not, you may apply at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

If you have, please provide your claim number: _____

The information in this Juvenile Victim Impact Statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Information submitted by: Victim Parent/Guardian Close Relative Other _____

