

## Domestic and Sexual Assault

Heartland Family Service provides advocates for victims of Domestic and Sexual Assault. These advocates are available 24/7 and have the resources for safe housing, crisis counseling, and safety planning.

**Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**1-800-523-3666**

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## Crime Victims' Compensation

You may be eligible for financial help with bills relating to your crime. If you have medical expenses, funeral costs, or have lost wages as a result of a crime, and if these are not covered by insurance, you may be eligible for limited reimbursement under the Nebraska Crime Victims Reparation Act. To be eligible you must report the crime to law enforcement within 72 hours and apply for detailed compensation within 2 years from the date of the crime. The compensation program currently does not cover loss of property or pain and suffering.

**Nebraska Crime Victims' Reparations Board**  
**1-402-471-2828**

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## Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE)

VINE is a free anonymous computer service that provides victims of crime the ability to check on the status of a specific offender and/or to be notified if the offender is released from prison or jail or transferred to another correctional facility. The Nebraska VINE service is available in English and Spanish.

For inmate status information or to be notified when an inmate is released or transferred, call toll-free, 1-877 NE-4-VINE or 1-877-634-8463 and follow the prompts. You may also contact our office for assistance.

## RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

**National Center for Victims of Crime**  
1-800-FYI-CALL or 1-800-394-2255  
[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)

**Office of Victims of Crime Resource Center**  
1-800-627-6872  
TTY 1-877-712-9279  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ovcres/welcom.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ovcres/welcom.html)

**Victim Information & Notification Everyday**  
1-877-NE-4-VINE or 1-877-634-8463  
[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

**Nebraska Child/Adult Abuse Hotline**  
1-800-652-1999

**Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**Heartland Family Service**  
1-800-523-3666  
402-292-5888

**Nebraska Department of Corrections (DOC)**  
402-471-2654  
**DOC Victim Assistance Program**  
402-479-5867  
[www.corrections.state.ne.us](http://www.corrections.state.ne.us)

**Papillion Police Department**  
**1000 E First St**  
**Papillion, NE. 68046**  
**Main - 402-597-2035**  
**After Hours 402-339-3196**  
**[policeinfo@papillion.org](mailto:policeinfo@papillion.org)**  
**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



## Assistance for Crime Victims and Witnesses

**Officer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Incident No. PP** \_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Crime Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Our Mission

The Papillion Police Department will strive to foster a safe community by responding to crime, addressing community concerns related to safety, and maintaining an effective presence throughout Papillion.

## Victim/Witness Services Provided by the Papillion Police Department

- Emergency response to crimes in progress
- In-depth follow-up investigations
- Evidence collection and processing
- Procedures to protect your confidentiality regarding your case development applicable with case law.
- Assistance to those who have been threatened or express specific and credible information for fearing intimidation or further victimization.

### What to do Now?

- If you receive new information regarding your case contact the Police Department immediately.  
New Information includes:
  - Updated Suspect information
  - Physical injuries unknown during the initial report
  - Newly discovered missing or damaged property
  - Tips (anonymous or known sources)
- **If the suspects or suspect's companions or family threatens or intimidates you at anytime contact the police immediately.**
- If your case has been assigned to a specific Detective, contact him/her at anytime to provide any new information or inquire about the status of the case.

### What to Expect....

As our agency investigates your case, subsequent steps are taken to ensure appropriate service:

- If there are credible leads your case will be investigated to the most logical conclusion.
- If the scope of the case is beyond a patrol officers responsibilities, and there is credible evidence to investigate, a Detective may be assigned.
- If a Detective is assigned the case you can expect follow-up communication, requests for additional interviews or appearances, requests to assist in line-ups, and information regarding your roll in the prosecution of their case.

**SARPY COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS UNIT**  
1210 GOLDEN GATE DRIVE, SUITE 3147  
PAPILLION NE. 68046-2857  
PHONE (402) 593-2201  
WWW.SARPY.COM/VICTIMWITNESS

The Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit is a program set up to aid victims of crime who are unaware of the avenues of assistance open to them. The majority of the crime victims are not knowledgeable of the procedures necessary to obtain assistance, or they are too traumatized or injured to cope with the problem. The Victim Witness Unit is a free public service offering information, practical assistance, and counseling referrals to victims of crime in the Sarpy County area.

### SERVICES

The most important service provided by our advocates is continued support for the victim and family throughout their involvement with the criminal justice system.

Additional services which may be provided by our advocates include:

- Information and orientation regarding the criminal justice system;
- Information on the status of the case;
- Courtroom tours and trial preparation;
- Referrals to community agencies when needed or desired;
- Assistance with filing our Victim Impact Statements;
- Assistance with filing for restitution;
- Assistance with filing claims to the Nebraska Crime Victims' Reparations Committee;
- Assistance with filing for a Domestic Abuse Protection Order or Harassment Order;
- Assistance with employer problems in regard to time off for court appearances, interviews, etc.



## Victims Have Rights in Nebraska

Listed below are some of the basic rights for victims of crime. If more information is needed, please contact the Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit.

- The County Attorney will notify you of crimes for which the defendant is charged, the defendant's bond, and the time and place of any scheduled court proceedings.;
- If the pre-sentence investigation report and any statement by the victim included in such a report is to be made available to the victim included in such report is to be made available to the defendant.;
- To be present throughout the entire trial of the defendant, unless the victim is to be called as a witness;

### The Victim will be informed of:

- All writs (written orders) or subpoenas (written request to appear in court and testify) or notices to appear that they are entitled to apply for and may receive a witness fee;
- Financial assistance, fees and other social services to which they may be entitled as a result of being a witness or a victim of crime, and;
- To be informed of the procedure to be followed in order to apply for and receive any witness fee to which they are entitled;
- During court proceedings, to be provided, whenever possible, a secure area that is not in close proximity to the defendant and the defendant's family and friends;
- To have any stolen or other personal property returned by law enforcement when it is no longer needed as evidence;
- To be provided help in working with the victim's employer to minimize an employee's loss of pay and other benefits resulting from the victim's court appearances;
- To a speedy disposition of the case in which they are involved.