

Local Resources

Santa Cruz County Adult Probation
Department **(831) 454-2150**

Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation
Department **(831) 454-3800**

California Statewide and National Resources

California Attorney General's Victim
Services Unit **(877) 433-9069**
www.ag.ca.gov/victimservices

California Department of Corrections
and Rehabilitation, Office of Victim &
Survivor Rights & Services,
(877) 256-6877
www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim_services

Victims of Crime Resource Center,
Pacific/McGeorge School of Law,
(800) 842-8467
www.1800victims.org

National Center for Victims of Crime
(800) 394-2255
www.ncvc.org/national



Marsy's Law

***Your rights as a victim
of crime under the
constitution of the State
of California.***

Victim Services

The Santa Cruz Police Department provides services for victims of violent crime in the City of Santa Cruz. The advocate provides information about victims' rights and the criminal legal system and makes referrals to local agencies when appropriate. The advocate works with the investigator to ensure that all victims of violent crimes are treated with fairness and respect.

Marsy's Law

On November 4, 2008, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law, a measure to provide all victims with rights and due process. The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28, confers certain rights to victims of crime. Those rights include:

1. Fairness and Respect:

To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.

2. Protection from the Defendant:

To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.

3. Victim Safety Consideration in Setting Bail and Release Conditions:

To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.

4. The Prevention of the Disclosure of Confidential Information:

To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.

5. Refusal to be Interviewed by the Defense:

To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.

6. Conference with the Prosecution and Notice of Pretrial Disposition:

To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, upon request, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.

7. Notice of and Presence at Public Proceedings:

To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, upon request, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.

8. Appearance at Court Proceedings and Expression of Views:

To be heard, upon request, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.

9. Speedy Trial and Prompt Conclusion of the Case:

To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgement proceedings.

10. Provision of Information to the Probation Department:

To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim’s family and any sentencing of the defendant.

11. Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report:

To receive, upon request the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.

12. Information About Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release, and Escape:

To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.

13. Restitution:

A. It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer.

B. Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.

C. All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.

14. The Prompt Return of Property:

To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

15. Notice of Parole Procedures and Release on Parole:

To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender.

16. Safety of Victim and Public are Factors in Parole Release:

To have the safety of the victim, the victim’s family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.

17. Information About These 16 Rights:

To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

Resources for Victims of Human Trafficking & Other Crimes

USCIS offers resources for victims of human trafficking and other crimes and the organizations that serve them. This information is designed to help answer any questions you or your family might have about obtaining T or U Non-immigrant status. For further information and referrals for assistance in Santa Cruz County you can contact:

Santa Cruz County Immigration Project:
(831) 724-5667

Catholic Charities of the Central Coast
(831) 422-0602

Monarch Services of Santa Cruz County
(831) 722-4532

To request a U Visa Law Enforcement Certification contact the Victim Advocate and the Santa Cruz Police Department.
(831) 420-5827

Emergency Numbers

Emergency **911**

VINE (Victim Notification)
(877) 331-8463

Suicide Prevention
(831) 458-5300

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Santa Cruz County District Attorney’s Office
(831) 454-2400

Santa Cruz Police Department Victim Advocate
(831) 420-5827

County Mental Health Hotline
(800) 952-2335

Victim Witness Assistance Program
(831) 454-2010

Child Protective Services
(831) 454-4222

Adult Protective Services
(831) 454-4101