

VICTIMS RIGHTS

If registered as a victim, you will be notified of the following by the **County Attorney's office**:

- 1) Dates and times of court appearances which require your attendance
- 2) Notice of cancellations or postponements of expected court proceedings that require your attendance.
- 3) The possibility of assistance through the Crime Victim Compensation Program.
- 4) The right, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 915, to restitution of pecuniary losses suffered as a result of a crime.
- 5) Your right to make a written or oral impact statement at the time of sentencing.
- 6) Notice of any plea agreements related to the crime for which you are a victim.

Also, as a registered victim, the following departments will notify you:

- 1) **Clerk of District Court** notifies of the outcome of the case in which the victim was involved. May advise of any orders regarding custody or confinement if applicable.
- 2) **Police or County Sheriff** is required to advise a victim of the right to register with the County Attorney and to provide a registration form to each victim. The County Sheriff or other person in charge of a jail or detention facility notifies registered victims of; offender's release from custody on bail and terms and conditions of the release, final release from local custody, escape from custody and transfer from local custody to custody in another facility.
- 3) **Department of Justice** notifies registered victims of the filing of an appeal, the expected decision date and the outcome of the case.
- 4) **Department of Corrections and Board of Parole**. If the person is in prison, notification of changes in status including escape, expected release date and parole hearings are given.