

HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES

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Crime Victim Assistance Program

Disability Rights Vermont (DRVT) is an independent, private non-profit agency mandated by federal law to provide legal advocacy services on behalf of people with disabilities to ensure their rights and safety are protected.

One of our priorities is to provide legal advocacy and support to individuals who have disabilities who are also victims of a crime.

Who Is Eligible for Crime Victim Services?

To be eligible an individual must be an individual with a disability who has been victimized by an act that could be considered as a crime in Vermont.

Court Assistance

DRVVT can provide:

- Confidential emotional support and legal advocacy during any stage of the victimization including throughout the criminal justice process and post-sentencing
- Assistance with filing for protection orders including vulnerable adult and stalking orders
- Support and advocacy during protection order hearings, and legal representation for protection orders that meet case criteria
- Assistance with requesting and accessing reasonable accommodations for the victim's disabilities throughout their participation of the criminal justice system and during protection order hearings

Support & Advocacy

DRVVT can provide:

- Information about crime victim rights and disability rights
- In person and telephone support and empathetic listening, and checking in with victims about their progress throughout the criminal justice process
- Accessing therapy, medical care, peer support, or any other identified supports that can help victims begin the healing process
- Accessing emergency and long term housing supports and organizations following victimization
- Brainstorming and creating safety plans
- Applying for victim compensation and following up on the application process

Advocacy

DRVVT can provide:

- Assisting victims in securing rights and services from other agencies
- Collaboration with the other victim's service providers, including police, states attorneys, and community-based victim advocates
- Locating emergency financial assistance when applicable
- Assistance with accessing assistive technology for victim's disabilities
- Information and assistance with overcoming barriers to employment for victims who are also social security beneficiaries

The Crime Victim Assistance Program for people with disabilities is administered by Disability Rights Vermont. For more information please visit us on the web at www.disabilityrightsvt.org

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