

Legal Rights of Connecticut Crime Victims

- **The Right to Request to be Notified** of court proceedings, including arrest, arraignment, and release of the offender.
- **The Right to be Protected** from harassment from an employer for appearing as a witness if you have received a subpoena.
- **The Right to Have Property Returned** if it was seized by police in the investigation or prosecution of the crime committed against you.
- **The Right to Make an Application for Compensation** for any injuries you have suffered as a result of crime.
- **The Right to Request to be Informed** of services and agencies that can help you.
- **The Right to Make an Impact Statement** before a convicted criminal is sentenced.
- **The Right to Object a Plea Agreement.**
- **The Right to be Protected From the Accused.**



Note: Your exact rights as a victim are defined in Article XXIX of the Connecticut Constitution, and specific laws.

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“You don’t heal from the loss of a loved one because time passes. You heal because of what you do with that time.”

- Dr. Ted Rynearson, M.D.

Survivors — of — Homicide, Inc.



We are a non-profit organization that exists to provide counseling, support, and advocacy for loved ones and friends of homicide victims.

Who We Are:

Losing a loved one to murder is one of the hardest things anyone can go through. You may feel angry, depressed, or afraid that the world you once thought was safe is now not. We understand what you are going through and we are here to help.

We know that we cannot take away the grief that you feel, but often it helps to talk to others who have gone through the kind of loss that you have suffered.

Since 1983 Survivors of Homicide, Inc. has provided support for those who have suffered a loss due to murder. We can provide advice on what to expect during court proceedings, how to receive financial compensation, and most importantly we provide emotional support to let you know that you are **NOT** alone.



All of our services are free and confidential.

Do Not Let a Murder Destroy More Lives!

A horrible crime can shatter our lives if we let it. It takes a special courage to go on with life when we feel numb with pain and anger. Most people can't understand our grief. We have found strength in the bonds that we share, and strength in working together for justice.



SOH is the only place where we are all the same. Everyone goes through the grief process differently; however, we are all connected through a common bond of pain and loss. We may be the club no one wants to belong to, yet, it is the only place where we can be together and understand each other even when words cannot be spoken.

You can go on after losing a loved one to violent crime.

Our Services:

- **Crisis Counseling:** We are here when you need us.
- **Information and Referrals:** We want to answer any questions that you have and to help you find the resources that you need.
- **Peer Support:** Our membership is statewide to help each other cope.
- **Support Groups:** We offer monthly support groups all across the state.
- **Personal Advocacy:** We will work to ensure that your rights are protected.
- **Court Advocacy and Support:** We will provide support and information during the judicial process.
- **Compensation Assistance:** We assist our members with filling out State Compensation Forms.

Survivors of Homicide provides equal services without regard to race, color, religious creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, developmental disability/mental retardation, learning disability, or physical disability.

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