



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program is a statewide effort to provide support services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes. Programs are located in each of California's 58 counties, and are funded by penalty assessments collected from convicted offenders. No public tax dollars are used to support these programs.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office has twenty-eight program locations throughout the county staffed by Victim Services Representatives. The following services are available at all locations:

Crisis intervention and emergency assistance

Forms and assistance with filing for Crime Victim Compensation

Information and referral to appropriate community agencies and resources
(rape treatment centers, battered women's shelters, individual and family counseling centers, Medi-Cal, DPSS, transportation services, etc.)

Case status or disposition information for both felony and misdemeanor crimes

Liaison with police agencies, probation, parole, Children's Services, Chief Medical Examiner and other state and local agencies

Assistance with filing for witness fees, restitution and property return

Explanation of court procedures; court escort when needed

Notification of family and/or employer of victim if requested

Support services for elderly, handicapped and child victims

Victim Services Representatives may be contacted for information or assistance at the locations listed in our "*Victims: Know Your Rights*" brochure. For information or referral throughout Los Angeles County or elsewhere in California, please call us at **1-800-380-3811**.