Helpful Phone Numbers

Department of Correction
Victim Service Unit
508-422-1939

Department of Criminal Justice
Information Services (DCJIS)– Victim Service Unit
617-660-4690

Sex Offender Registry Board
Victim Service unit
978-740-6441 or 800-93MEGAN

Massachusetts Office for
Victim Assistance (MOVA)
617-727-5200

Office of Attorney General
Victim Compensation and Assistance Division
617-727-2200 ext. 2160

Department of Youth Services (DYS)
Victim Service Unit
617-960-3290

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Massachusetts Parole Board Victim Services Unit

Region 1
60 Clayton Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
617-376-6260

Region 2,
60 Clayton Street
617-376-6260

Region 3
100 Willow Street
Lynn, MA 01902
978-750-1900

Region 4
340 Main St., Worcester
508-753-7252

Region 5
436 Dwight St., Springfield
413-784-1210

Region 6
33 East Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Region 7
231 Main St., Brockton
508-587-0987

Region 8
421 Faunce Corner Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747
508-713-8947

Region 9
188 Concord St., Framingham
508-875-0621

Victim Rights in the Parole Process

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The Massachusetts Parole Board understands that being a victim of crime is a painful experience, one that does not end at the time the offender is sentenced.

In most cases the offender will eventually be eligible for a parole hearing to determine his or her suitability for parole supervision.

If the Parole Board grants the offender parole, he or she will serve the remaining sentence in the community under the supervision of a parole officer.

The Massachusetts Victim Bill of Rights M.G.L. c.258B guarantees you the right to be notified of changes in the offender's status as he or she progresses through the criminal justice system toward a parole eligibility date.

Victim Service Coordinators are available at regional offices statewide to assist you through the Parole Process, offer support, resources and CORI Registration.

Victims must be registered to receive notification

To receive notification of changes in an offender's status from the Parole Board and other state entities, victims, their family members, and witnesses must be registered through the state's Department of Criminal Justice Information Services under the Criminal Record Information (CORI) law.

Becoming registered will ensure that you are informed of changes in the offender' status, including movement between security levels, escape from an institution, parole eligibility date, parole hearing date, and release to supervision date. As a reminder, please make sure your address is up to date.

Applying for Registration

You must be over the age of 18 to apply for CORI registration, and provide your name, address, and date of birth. If you are under 18, you will need a parent or guardian to sign. Your application will remain confidential and its contents will not be released to anyone.

Testimony at Parole Hearings

In some cases, victims and their families are allowed to attend the hearings and give testimony before the Parole Board. Victims and family members are provided the opportunity to submit a victim impact statement at the parole hearing. The Parole Board will weigh this statement in making its decision. The Board also welcomes letters from victims. If you would like to submit a letter, please do so at least 14 days prior to the inmate's scheduled hearing. Please include the inmate's name and identification number if you know it.

The Parole Board encourages you to become CORI Registered as soon as possible. Your involvement in the process will help the Parole Board make a fair and balanced decision.

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