Helpful Phone Numbers

Department of Correction
Victim Service Unit
978-369-3618 or toll free 866-864-2846

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

Massachusetts Probation Service Victim Service Unit 617-727-5300

Sex Offender Registry Board
Victim Service Unit
978-740-6441 or toll free, 800-93MEGAN

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) 617-586-1340

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

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

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Massachusetts Parole Board Victim Services Unit

Region I 10 McGrath Highway, Quincy 617-376-6260

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

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

Region 6 499 Essex St., Lawrence 978-687-6342

Region 6A Lynn OCC 100 Willow Street, Lynn 978-750-1900 ext. 3772

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

Region 8 1204 Purchase St., New Bedford 508-999-4820

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



Victim Rights in the Parole Process

Massachusetts Parole Board

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office Of Public Safety

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Massachusetts Parole Board Victim Services Unit Phone: 508-650-4543 Fax: 508-650-4599 www.mass.gov/parole

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 parole process.

Victim Service Coordinators are available at regional offices statewide to assist you through the Parole Process. They provide support services, crisis intervention, safety planning, and referrals as needed.

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, and parole hearing 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. VSU Coordinators can assist you with Registration.

Testimony at Parole Hearings

In some cases, victims and their families are allowed to attend the hearings and give testimony before the Parole Board. In those cases 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

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.

