Victim Rights Privacy FAQ

If you are thinking about submitting a victim rights complaint, it's important to understand a few key points about the process.

One crucial thing to know is that your complaint will not be kept confidential. Your complaint will be shared with the Victim Rights Committee exactly as you submit it, and may be shared with the person or agency about whom you are complaining, as required by law. Additionally, the committee may ask for more information from the person or agency you're complaining about, as well as other public sources. You have the choice to decide what information you want to provide on the complaint form. The complaint will still be reviewed even if it's incomplete, but please be aware that incomplete information may limit the actions that can be taken.

If you have more questions regarding your privacy contact: Katie Fox, Victim Rights Coordinator. Phone: 385-508-5442. Email: <u>katiefox@utah.gov</u>

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Where does my complaint go: To the Victim Rights Coordinator, the Judicial District Victim Rights Chair and Committee, and also potentially to the subject of the complaint if required by law.

What information from my complaint will be shared: All of it. The committee will be provided with the complaint exactly as submitted, as will the subject of the complaint as required by law. The committee may also seek to obtain information from the subject of the complaint and other information such as police reports, court documents, etc.

Who are the Victim Rights Committees: Under Utah Code § <u>63M-7-1002</u>, within each judicial district there is a Victim Rights Committee. These Committees are required to review complaints filed by a victim and make a decision as to whether or not a victim's rights have been violated. The Committees are a multidisciplinary group, from your area, as listed in statute. They work together to improve the criminal justice response to victims in your community.

Who has access to my complaint information: The Victim Rights Committee meetings are <u>open public meetings</u>. Anyone can attend the meetings and make comments about items on the agenda. The meetings will be recorded and posted on the <u>Public Notice Website</u>. The complaint and information discussed in a public meeting are subject to GRAMA, and may be released when requested.

How will we respect your privacy: Staff will not share your information outside of the Committees, the subject of the complaint, and with the least number of persons needed to gather

additional information to help in making a decision. Staff and committee members will be encouraged to use non-identifiable information during discussion when possible, such as initials or broad descriptions.

Legal Language: <u>63G-2-601</u>

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