



# CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

## Know Your Rights:

### Victim's Rights under Ohio Law

#### What are my rights as a victim?

Marsy's Law gives crime victims certain rights under the Ohio Constitution. These rights are laid out within specificity in the [Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2930](#), which is titled "Victim's Rights".

It is important to know that some rights are automatic and others you must specifically request. These rights are listed on the [Ohio Victim's Rights Form](#). This form may be sent to you by the Prosecutor's Office or Law Enforcement, but it can also be found on the Juvenile Court's website under the "Victim's Rights" section of our forms page located at:

<https://juvenile.cuyahogacounty.gov/forms>.

#### How to I request or elect those additional rights?

If you want to request any of the additional (non-automatic) rights, please fill out and file the [Ohio Victim's Rights form](#) and either return it to the prosecuting attorney assigned to your case OR you can file it at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office either:

- In person at 9300 Quincy Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cleveland, OH 44109; or
- Emailing a PDF copy of the completed form to [Eprobation@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:Eprobation@cuyahogacounty.us)

#### What if I am seeking restitution for damages?

We would encourage you to fill out the Victim-Impact Statement form that the Prosecutor's Office or Court Probation Department sends to you and return it, along with any supporting documentation, to the person who sent it to you to aid them in gathering any necessary information for the Court. It also asks for additional information you want to share in the event the case proceeds to disposition (similar to sentencing in adult court).

For more information, please see our "Know your Rights – Restitution under Ohio Law in Cases Involving Juveniles" information guide also found on the Juvenile Court's website under the "Victim's Rights" section of our forms page located at:

<https://juvenile.cuyahogacounty.gov/forms>.

#### Are there additional victim services outside of the Court process?

Though not an exhaustive list, below are some additional resources for victims and/or others who might be in need of community services:

- Ohio Attorney General Victim Services website: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/individuals-and-families/victims>
- Cuyahoga County Victim Services & Family Justice Center: <https://cuyahogacounty.gov/psjs/divisions/witness-victim-service-center>
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center: <https://clevelandrapecrisis.org/>
- Journey Center for Safety and Healing: <https://www.journeyneo.org/>
- 211: <https://www.211oh.org/>