

Victim impact statements

At the defendant's sentencing, members of the victim's family have the right to make statements explaining how the crime affected them. The statement may address the victim's life, the family's loss and any wishes for the defendant's sentence. If a person is unable or reluctant to speak in court, he/she may have someone else read the statement or may submit a recorded or written statement to the judge. He/she also may use photographs to illustrate his/her statement. The statement is considered at sentencing and at parole hearings if the defendant goes to prison. The statements allow family survivors to have their voices become a permanent part of the case record. Victim advocates can assist family members in preparing their impact statements.

Notice of parole

A family member who wants to be notified of a parole hearing or the scheduled release or escape of an inmate sentenced to state prison should complete the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Request for Victim Services, form 1707 and always keep the CDCR's Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services informed of his/her current address. To obtain the form and filing instructions call 1.877.256.6877 or visit www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim_services. Victim advocates may also provide this confidential form and assist you in completing it.

For more information call or visit:
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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