

§ 15A-830.5. Victim's rights.

(a) A victim of crime shall be treated with dignity and respect by the criminal justice system.

(b) A victim has the following rights:

- (1) The right, upon request, to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of court proceedings of the accused.
- (2) The right, upon request, to be present at court proceedings of the accused.
- (3) The right to be reasonably heard at court proceedings involving a plea that disposes of the case or the conviction, sentencing, or release of the accused.
- (4) The right to receive restitution in a reasonably timely manner, when ordered by the court.
- (5) The right to be given information about the crime, how the criminal justice system works, the rights of victims, and the availability of services for victims.
- (6) The right, upon request, to receive information about the conviction or final disposition and sentence of the accused.
- (7) The right, upon request, to receive notification of escape, release, proposed parole or pardon of the accused, or notice of a reprieve or commutation of the accused's sentence.
- (8) The right to present the victim's views and concerns in writing to the Governor or agency considering any action that could result in the release of the accused, prior to such action becoming effective.
- (9) The right to reasonably confer with the district attorney's office.

(c) This Article does not create a claim for damages against the State, any county or municipality, or any State or county agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees. (2019-216, s. 3.)