

## Victim Rights

### SART Listserv

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**Issue:** Are there any States that currently have a pamphlet, handout, or PDF file that details the statutorily defined rights of victims of sexual violence in their state (e.g., the right to a copy of their police report, right to have a “free” forensic exam, etc.)?

**Background:** We are looking for a prototype to assist us as we create one for statewide dissemination – through law enforcement and advocacy agencies (ideally in an electronic format).

#### Iowa

Attachment entitled, “Story County Victim Witness Assistance Program” submitted; available upon request.

#### Crime Victims Compensation

[http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping\\_victims/services/compensation\\_program.html](http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping_victims/services/compensation_program.html)

#### Sexual Assault Examination Program

[http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping\\_victims/services/sexual\\_assaultexam.html](http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping_victims/services/sexual_assaultexam.html)

#### Ohio

Booklet entitled, “Picking up the Pieces” sent as an attachment and is available upon request.

- AG’s Office in Ohio <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/>.
- Ohio’s Victims’ Rights laws (ORC 2930.)  
<http://onlinedocs.andersonpublishing.com/oh/lpExt.dll?f=templates&fn=titlepage.htm>

#### Oklahoma

We use the general victim rights for our SA victims. You can view them at:

<http://www.oag.state.ok.us/oagweb.nsf/Vbillofrights!OpenPage>

## Additional Resources

### National Center for Victims of Crime

Has a state by state overview

<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbName=DocumentViewer&DocumentID=32697>

**State Victim Rights Amendments compiled by the National Victims Constitutional Amendment website**  
<http://www.nvcap.org/stvras.htm>

**Arizona Crime Victim's Rights**

<http://www.azdps.gov/azvictims/publications/VictimsRightsEng.pdf>

**Federal Victims Rights Laws – Federal Crime Victims' Rights Act**

<http://www.lclark.edu/org/ncvli/objects/Federal.pdf>

**The National Conference of State Legislators**

Website has an interesting summary of 2005 Victim Rights Enactments

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/cj/victimenacts05.htm#rights>