

Helpful Links

- **Office of the Attorney General of Texas**

- *Learn about Crime Victims' Rights*

<https://www2.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/crime-victims-rights-and-resources/>

Crime Victims' Compensation Program Overview

The Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program helps crime victims and their immediate families with the financial costs of crime. CVC covers crime-related costs such as counseling, medical treatment, funerals, and loss of income not paid by other sources.

- *For More Information*

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/crime-victims-compensation-program/overview-crime-victims-compensation-program>

- *Apply for Crime Victims' Compensation (can apply online) at:*

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/crime-victims-compensation-program>

- *Crime Victims' Forms and Publications*

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/forms-and-publications>

- **Texas Vine**

VINE is a solution that lets victims of crime and other concerned citizens access timely and reliable information regarding offenders. It is offered free of charge to registrants, is completely confidential, and features multiple language support.

Offering peace of mind, the VINE service lets victims call a toll-free number, visit www.vinelink.com, or use the VINE Link™ mobile app to anonymously check on an offender's custody status.

Victims can also register to receive automated notifications about changes in that status via their choice of format: phone, email, or text. TTY (hearing impaired) service is also available.

- *To register for notification*

<https://www.vinelink.com/#state-selection> or call 877-894-8463

- **Texas DPS Public Sex Offender Website**

The Texas Sex Offender Registration Program ([Chapter 62 of the Code of Criminal Procedure](#)) is a sex offender registration and public notification law designed to protect the public from sex offenders. This

law requires adult and juvenile sex offenders to register with the local law enforcement authority of the city they reside in or, if the sex offender does not reside in a city, with the local law enforcement authority of the county they reside in. Registration involves the sex offender providing the local law enforcement authority with information that includes, but is not limited to, the sex offender's name and address, a color photograph, and the offense the offender was convicted of or adjudicated for. Registered sex offenders are required to periodically report to the local law enforcement authority to verify the accuracy of the registration information and to promptly report certain changes in the information as those changes occur. A sex offender who fails to comply with any registration requirement is subject to felony prosecution.

Please review the [\(Sex Offender Frequently Asked Questions\)](#) for more detailed information about sex offender registration in Texas.

- *Search the Public Sex Offender Database at:*

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffenderRegistry/Search>

- **Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Victim Services Division**

The TDCJ Victim Services Division is dedicated to providing direct, personal service to victims and their families throughout Texas, as well as, assisting those outside our state to the best of our ability. It is our goal to assure victims that they are not left behind at the crime scene, but can be involved in all parts of the criminal justice system if desired.

Notification Registration

Written Notification

The Integrated Victim Services System (IVSS) utilizes a confidential database to provide registrants with notifications regarding offenders in the TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division (CID) or under the supervision of the TDCJ Parole Division (PD). Notifications are now available via e-mail, letter, text or any combination of your choosing. The IVSS provides notifications concerning phases of the criminal justice system, post-conviction. This includes the parole review process, release to supervision or discharge and warrant actions during periods of supervision.

If you are a victim of a crime, family member of a victim, concerned citizen, or criminal justice professional and would like to register for notification on an offender who is in the TDCJ CID or under the supervision of the TDCJ PD, please visit our website at <https://ivss.tdcj.texas.gov> or you may contact our office at (800) 848-4284 or by e-mail at victim.svc@tdcj.texas.gov.

Text Notification

The TDCJ Victim Services Division now offers text notifications to all registrants on a variety of notifications. Please note that data is process through the IVSS system 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It is possible to receive notifications by e-mail and text message at all hours of the day. You may request to receive only time sensitive (parolee warrant actions) by text message or opt in to receiving text messages for all available notifications by logging into the portal or contacting the VSD at 1-800-848-4284.

Automated Telephone Services

IVSS registrants can register to receive an automated telephone call when an offender is being processed for any type of release. For more information, please visit our website at <https://ivss.tdcj.texas.gov> or you may contact our office at (800) 848-4284 or e-mail at victim.svc@tdcj.texas.gov.

If you are registered on our Integrated Victim Services System and receive an e-mail, letter, text or phone notification from the TDCJ Victim Services Division that you feel is in error, please contact us at (800) 848-4284, (512) 406-5900 or victim.svc@tdcj.texas.gov.

- *Register for Offender Status after confinement in the Prison System at*

<https://ivss.tdcj.texas.gov/Account/Login/Register?returnUrl=%2F>