

## Victim & Witness Rights

Victim's Rights are mandated by Title 40, Chapter 38 of the Tennessee State Law and Article I Sec. 35 of the Tennessee Constitution. Members of the Brentwood Police Department shall be familiar with the Tennessee Victims' Bill of Rights (T.C.A. Title 40 Chapter 38 Part I) and the Rights of Victims of Crimes (Tennessee Constitution Article I Sec. 35) and shall treat all victims of crime, and witnesses, with compassion and dignity, and shall afford them all rights set forth in these laws.

### **Rights of victims of crimes – Tennessee Constitution Article I Sec. 35**

To preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process, victims shall be entitled to the following basic rights:

- The right to confer with the prosecution.
- The right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice system.
- The right to be present at all proceedings where the defendant has the right to be present.
- The right to be heard, when relevant, at all critical stages of the criminal justice process as defined by General Assembly.
- The right to be informed of all proceedings, and of the release, transfer or escape of the accused or convicted person.
- The right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case after the conviction or sentence.
- The right to restitution from the offender.
- The right to be informed of each of the rights established for victims.

## **VICTIM/WITNESS SERVICE AGENCIES**

- **Cleveland Police Department**  
100 Church Street NE  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-476-1121  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Criminal investigations
  - Transportation for victim/witness if necessary
  - Protection of victim/witnesses if necessary
  - Contact point for referral to other service agencies
  - District Attorney's Office
- **10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office - Victim/Witness Coordinator's Office**  
93 N. Ocoee Street  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-472-2179  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Assistance in preparation for court appearance
  - Case coordination between all parties and agencies involved
  - Assistance in obtaining financial restitution
  - Referral to other service agencies for assistance  
Travel and accommodations as necessary for victim/witnesses
- **Bradley County Department of Children Services**  
2703 Commerce Drive  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-478-0351  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Matters involving neglect/abuse of minors

- Placement of minor victims into care and custody
- Referral to other service agencies for assistance
- **Hiwassee Mental Health Center**  
940 S. Ocoee Street  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-479-5454  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Mental health counseling and support
  - Referral to other service agencies for assistance
- **Children's Advocacy Center**  
2600 Executive Park Drive  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37312  
423-790-5740  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Counseling for Abused and Neglected Kids
  - Referral to other service agencies for assistance
- **American Red Cross**  
304 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-472-1595  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Immediate emergency assistance such as food, clothing, temporary shelter and medicine for persons affected by disaster
- **Bradley County General Sessions/Criminal Court Clerks**  
Bradley County Justice Center  
2250 Blythe Avenue SE  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-728-7049  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Court and trial related information
- **Bradley County Juvenile Office**  
Juvenile Justice Center  
1620 Johnson Boulevard  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311  
423-728-7257  
**Assistance/Services**
  - All matters involving juvenile offenders
- **Department of Treasury**  
Division of Claims Administration  
Criminal Injuries Compensation  
9th Floor, Andrew Jackson Building  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
615-741-2734  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Financial compensation for innocent victims of violent crimes
- **Rape and Sexual Abuse Center**  
101 French Landing Dr  
Nashville, Tennessee 37228  
24 Hour Crisis Line  
1-800-879-1999  
259-9055  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Counsel and support for rape victims
  - Assistance in reporting rape to law enforcement

- **Harbor Safe House**  
423-476-3886  
**Assistance/Services**
  - Counseling, support, and shelter for domestic violence victims