

Arkansas law (Act 873 and Arkansas Victim Rights Law/Act 1262) provides certain protections to victims.

Under the law:

- Victims may be present at all court proceedings and/or may have a representative appear on their behalf.
- A victim may submit an impact statement to the court.
- An employer cannot fire or discipline an employee who participates in criminal proceedings at the prosecutor's request.
- A victim may request a secure waiting area during court proceedings.
- Upon conviction of the defendant, the victim is entitled to know where he/she is confined, information about their release, furlough, or if they escape, and has the opportunity to testify or submit a written statement to the parole board.
- A victim is entitled to know about any appeals filed.
- A victim may designate a person to serve as moral support during court proceedings and may appear with them in court.

These protections are in addition to those protections found elsewhere in state and federal law.

If you feel you are in danger of being victimized again, you should contact your local prosecutor's victim coordinator to begin the process of filing for an order of protection.

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program, administered by the Department of Public Safety on behalf of the Crime Victims Reparations Board, provides financial compensation to victims who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of a violent crime.

For details and to obtain an application, for crime victims' compensation, please contact:

**Arkansas Department of Public Safety
AR Crime Victims Reparations Board
1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, AR 72209
(501) 682-1020 or Fax (501) 682-5313**

When possible, affix local domestic violence provider contact card here. Otherwise, find information on nearby available resources by visiting LaurasCard.ar.gov.

Law enforcement officials, please affix business card here. Law enforcement resources for Laura's Card can be accessed at CJI.edu.

LAURA'S CARD

24-Hour Crisis Lines

Women and Children First
(800) 332-4443

Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
(800) 656-4673

Arkansas State Police Child Abuse
(800) 482-5964

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
(888) 373-7888

For a list of local shelters and links to support organizations, visit:

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