



# Victims' Post-Conviction Rights to Privacy in Public Records April 2019

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This 50-state survey provides an overview of select privacy rights applicable to victims whose information is included in records that may be subject to public records' laws. This chart focuses on laws governing the treatment of victim information in the following types of records: general public records, court records, law enforcement records, prosecution records, 911 recordings and bodycam footage. Please note that this chart does not generally include legal protections that may exist with respect to address confidentiality programs, access to victim information by criminal defendants, and communications between victims and victims' advocates and/or social workers. Moreover, please note that this chart focuses on adult victims of adult offenders, and different rules may be applicable to child victims or victims of juvenile offenders. This chart is a survey of select laws and is not an exhaustive list of all victims' rights provisions. For example, constitutional and/or statutory provisions protecting victims' rights to privacy and to be treated with dignity, respect and fairness are generally not included. For more information about victims' rights-based privacy protections, see Refusing Discovery Requests of Privileged Materials Pretrial in Criminal Cases, Violence Against Women Bull. (Nat'l Crime Victim Law Inst., Portland, Or.), June 2011, at 3 n.30, https://law.lclark.edu/live/files/11779-refusing-discovery-requests-of-privileged.



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# **Federal:**

# **Public/Law Enforcement Records**

The Freedom of Information Act

- (8)(A) An agency shall--
- (i) withhold information under this section only if--
- (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b); or
- (II) disclosure is prohibited by law; and
- (ii)(I) consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible whenever the agency determines that a full disclosure of a requested record is not possible; and
- (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information; and
- (B) Nothing in this paragraph requires disclosure of information that is otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law, or otherwise exempted from disclosure under subsection (b)(3).



- (b) This section does not apply to matters that are--
- . . .
- (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute--
- (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue; or
- (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and
- (B) if enacted after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009, specifically cites to this paragraph.

. . .

- (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

5 U.S.C.A. § 552 (West)

## Hate Crime Statistics Act

(4) Data acquired under this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime.

34 U.S.C.A. § 41305 (West)

#### **Court Records**

- (c) Producing Documents and Objects.
- (1) In General. A subpoena may order the witness to produce any books, papers, documents, data, or other objects the subpoena designates. The court may direct the witness to produce the designated items in court before trial or before they are to be offered in evidence. When the items arrive, the court may permit the parties and their attorneys to inspect all or part of them.
- (2) Quashing or Modifying the Subpoena. On motion made promptly, the court may quash or modify the subpoena if compliance would be unreasonable or oppressive.
- (3) Subpoena for Personal or Confidential Information About a Victim. After a complaint, indictment, or information is filed, a subpoena requiring the production of personal or confidential information about a victim may be served on a third party only by court order. Before entering the order and unless there are exceptional circumstances, the court must require giving notice to the victim so that the victim can move to quash or modify the subpoena or otherwise object.

Fed. R. Crim. P. 17

## **Bodycam Footage**



(a) Attorney General to collect

The Attorney General shall, through appropriate means, acquire data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers.

(b) Limitation on use of data

Data acquired under this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.

34 U.S.C.A. § 12602 (West)

#### Alabama:

## **Public Records**

(b) None of the following information shall be provided on the public registry website or any other notification documents:

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(4) Victim identity.

Ala. Code § 15-20A-8

#### **Court Records**

(b) The address, phone number, place of employment, and other related information about the victim contained in the court file shall not be public record.

Ala. Code § 15-23-69

In any case involving . . . a victim of a sex offense, the appellate court shall make reasonable efforts to preserve the anonymity of such a person. This anonymity shall be observed in the body of any opinion, in the styling of the case, and in any documents filed with the appellate courts. The front cover of the document being filed shall be clearly identified by the filer in accordance with the provisions of Rule 28(d)(8), Rule 32(a)(2)(F), or Rule 32(a)(3)(C) of these rules.

The records and papers filed, or caused to be filed, in the appellate court by the parties in any proceeding subject to this rule shall be open for inspection only to counsel of record, and, upon order of the appellate court, to others having a proper interest therein.

AL ST RAP Rule 52

## Alaska

## **Public Records**

The residence and business addresses and telephone numbers of a victim of a crime or witness to a crime are confidential. A report, paper, picture, photograph, court file, or other document that relates to a crime and contains the residence or business address or telephone number of a victim or witness, and that is in the custody or possession of a public officer or employee, may not be made available for public inspection unless the residence and business addresses and telephone numbers of all victims and witnesses have been deleted.

Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.110 (West)

- (a) The portion of the records of a court or law enforcement agency that contains the name of the victim of an offense under AS 11.41.300(a)(1)(C) or 11.41.410 11.41.460
- (1) shall be withheld from public inspection, except with the consent of the court in which the case is or would be prosecuted; and
- (2) is not a public record under AS 40.25.110 40.25.125.
- (b) In all written court records open to public inspection, the name of the victim of an offense under AS 11.41.300(a)(1)(C) or 11.41.410 11.41.460 may not appear. Instead, the victim's initials shall be used. However, a sealed record containing the victim's name shall be kept by the court in order to ensure that a defendant is not charged twice for the same offense. Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.140 (West)

(f) The court shall forward a copy of an order of restitution to the Department of Law and the office of victims' rights when the judgment is entered. Along with the copy of the order, the court shall provide the name, date of birth, social security number, and current address of the recipient of the restitution and the defendant, to the extent that the court has that information in its possession. . . . The information provided to the Department of Law and the office of victims' rights under this subsection is confidential and is not open to inspection as a public record under AS 40.25.110. The Department of Law, the office of victims' rights, or agents for the Department of Law or office of victims' rights may not disclose the information except as necessary to collect on the restitution.

Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.55.051 (West)

#### **Court Records**

- (a) During a trial or hearing related to a criminal prosecution, the residence and business addresses and telephone numbers of a victim of or witness to the charged offense may not be disclosed in open court, and a victim or witness may not be required to provide the addresses or telephone numbers in response to questioning, unless the court determines that the information is necessary and relevant to the facts of the case. The burden to establish the need and relevance for disclosure is on the party seeking disclosure. Before ordering disclosure, the court shall take appropriate measures to minimize the risk of personal harm to the victim or witness that would result from the disclosure.
- (b) The address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to a charged offense may not be placed in the court file or court documents relating to that offense except when
- (1) the address is used to identify the place of the crime; or
- (2) the address or telephone number is contained in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the address or telephone number was ordered under (a) of this section. Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.130 (West)
- (a) Availability. The following case-related information maintained in the court system's electronic case management systems will not be published on the court system's website or otherwise made available to the public in electronic form:

. . .

(2) names, initials, addresses, phone numbers, and other contact and identifying information for victims in criminal cases;

AK R ADMIN Rule 37.8

(a) General Provisions. The following general provisions apply to use of cameras and electronic devices in court facilities.

. . .

- (3) General Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all court facilities:
- (A) A victim of a sexual offense or a party in a protective order proceeding under AS 18.65.850-18.65.870 or under AS 18.66.100--18.66.990 may not be photographed, filmed, videotaped, sketched, or recorded, nor may the victim's or party's image or voice be broadcast, streamed, or posted on the internet, without the victim's or party's consent and court approval; AK R ADMIN Rule 50

## **Law Enforcement Records**

(a) Every person has a right to inspect a public record in the state, including public records in recorders' offices, except

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(6) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of the law enforcement records or information

. . .

(C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a suspect, defendant, victim, or witness;

Alaska Stat. Ann. § 40.25.120 (West)

A law enforcement agency investigating an offense under AS 11.41.410--11.41.470 may not disclose information related to the investigation to an employer of the victim unless

- (1) the victim expressly permits the disclosure; or
- (2) the agency determines the disclosure is necessary to investigate or prevent a crime. Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.016 (West)

## Arizona:

#### **Public Records**

A. In a special action brought pursuant to this article for the release of any record created or received by or in the possession of a law enforcement or prosecution agency that relates to a criminal investigation or prosecution and that visually depicts the image of a witness under eighteen years of age or a victim as defined in § 13-4401, the petitioner shall establish that the public's interest in disclosure outweighs the witness's or victim's right to privacy.

B. A victim whose image is depicted in a record described in subsection A of this section has the right to be present at and to be heard in any action brought pursuant to this article for the release of records described in subsection A of this section.

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 39-121.04

# **Court Records**

(i) Substitute Victim Information. All opinions, memorandum decisions, and orders shall use a victim identifier, as deemed appropriate by the court, in place of the victim's name in any case concerning a defendant charged with an offense listed in A.R.S. Title 13, chapters 14, 32, 35 or 35.1 or in which the victim was a juvenile at the time of the offense. This rule does not apply to victims who are deceased at the time of issuance of the opinion, memorandum decision, or order.

AZ ST S CT Rule 111

(c) Request to cover a proceeding. Except as provided in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this rule, a person who wishes to use a recording device during a proceeding must submit a written or electronic request to cover the proceeding, as follows.

. . .

(5) Time for a victim or witness to object to a request: Victims or witnesses may object to coverage of their appearance or testimony at any time. . . .

AZ ST S CT Rule 122

## **Prosecution Records**

(b) Victims' Rights. These rules must be construed to preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, a victim has and is entitled to assert each of the following rights:

. . .

(11) the right to require the prosecutor to withhold, during discovery and other proceedings, the victim's identifying and locating information.



Ariz. R. Crim. P. 39

(f) Substitute Victim Identifier. Appellate briefs must use a victim identifier in place of the victim's name in any case in which the defendant was charged with an offense listed in A.R.S. §§ 13-1401 et seq., 13-3201 et seq., 13-3501 et seq., or 13-3551 et seq., or in any case in which the victim was a juvenile at the time of the offense. For purposes of this rule, "victim identifier" means a victim's initials, a pseudonym, or other substitute for the victim's actual name.

Ariz. R. Crim. P. 31.10

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

B. A victim's identifying and locating information that is obtained, compiled or reported by a law enforcement agency or prosecution agency shall be redacted by the originating agency and prosecution agencies from records pertaining to the criminal case involving the victim, including discovery disclosed to the defendant.

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- D. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Identifying information" includes a victim's date of birth, social security number and official state or government issued driver license or identification number.
- 2. "Locating information" includes the victim's address, telephone number, e-mail address and place of employment.

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-4434

#### Arkansas:

## **Public Records**

(c) . . .

(2) The address and telephone number of the victim or the immediate family member shall be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-1110 (West)

## **Court Records**

(c) . . .

(2) All victim information included in the court-generated records under this subsection shall be redacted.

Ark. Code Ann. § 12-27-145 (West)

(d) Videotapes which are a part of the court record are subject to a protective order of the court for the purpose of protecting the privacy of the alleged victim.

Ark. Code Ann. § 16-44-203 (West)

(a) A court may not compel a victim or a member of the victim's family testifying in a criminal justice proceeding to disclose a residential address or place of employment on the record in open court unless the court finds that disclosure of the information is necessary.

Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-1104 (West)

(c) . . .

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(5) . . . [V]ictims in cases involving sexual offenses . . . shall not be broadcast, recorded, or photographed.

Ark. Sup. Ct. R. ADMIN Order 6



(c) Certain information such as Social Security number, driver's license number, employer, email addresses, user names, screen names, or instant message names, information that may lead to identification of the victim, and other similar information may be excluded from the information that is released during the course of notification.

Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-908 (West)

#### **Prosecution Records**

- (c)(1) If a prosecuting attorney after reviewing a medical record determines that a victim is subject to a health risk as a result of a sex crime, the prosecuting attorney may convey that health risk information to the victim, and the prosecuting attorney is not subject to any liability for disclosing that health risk information to the victim.
- (2)(A) The prosecuting attorney may disclose the health risk information to the victim only.
- (B) However, if the victim is a minor or is mentally incompetent, then the prosecuting attorney may disclose the health risk information to the victim's parent or legal guardian only.

Ark. Code Ann. § 5-14-202 (West)

## **Law Enforcement Records**

- (e)(1) A local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction that decides to disclose information under this section shall make a good faith effort to conceal the identity of the victim or victims of the sex offender's offense.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, information under this section is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-12-913 (West)
- (b) A law enforcement agency shall not disclose to the public information directly or indirectly identifying the victim of a sex offense except to the extent that disclosure is:
- (1) Of the site of the sex offense;
- (2) Required by law;
- (3) Necessary for law enforcement purposes; or
- (4) Permitted by the court for good cause.

Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-1104 (West)

## California:

#### **Public Records**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, state and local law enforcement agencies shall make public the following information, except to the extent that disclosure of a particular item of information would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation or would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation:

. . .

(2)(A) Subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 841.5 of the Penal Code, . . . the name and age of the victim . . . . he name of a victim of any crime defined by Section 220, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6 of the Penal Code may be withheld at the victim's request, or at the request of the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor. When a person is the victim of more than one crime, information disclosing that the person is a victim of a crime defined in any of the sections of the Penal Code set forth in this subdivision may be deleted at the request of the victim, or the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor, in making the report of the crime, or of any



crime or incident accompanying the crime, available to the public in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

- (B) Subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 841.5 of the Penal Code, the names and images of a victim of human trafficking, as defined in Section 236.1 of the Penal Code, and of that victim's immediate family, other than a family member who is charged with a criminal offense arising from the same incident, may be withheld at the victim's request until the investigation or any subsequent prosecution is complete. . . .
- (3) Subject to the restrictions of Section 841.5 of the Penal Code and this subdivision, . . . the current address of the victim of a crime, if the requester declares under penalty of perjury that the request is made for a scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purpose, or that the request is made for investigation purposes by a licensed private investigator as described in Chapter 11.3 (commencing with Section 7512) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. However, the address of the victim of any crime defined by Section 220, 236.1, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6 of the Penal Code shall remain confidential. Address information obtained pursuant to this paragraph shall not be used directly or indirectly, or furnished to another, to sell a product or service to any individual or group of individuals, and the requester shall execute a declaration to that effect under penalty of perjury. This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit or limit a scholarly, journalistic, political, or government use of address information obtained pursuant to this paragraph.

Cal. Gov't Code § 6254 (West)

(a) This chapter does not require disclosure of a video or audio recording that was created during the commission or investigation of the crime of rape, incest, sexual assault, domestic violence, or child abuse that depicts the face, intimate body part, or voice of a victim of the incident depicted in the recording. An agency shall justify withholding such a video or audio recording by demonstrating, pursuant to Section 6255, that on the facts of the particular case, the public interest served by not disclosing the recording clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the recording.

Cal. Gov't Code § 6254.4.5 (West)

(b) Information that may be provided pursuant to subdivision (a) may [not] include . . . information that would identify the victim. . . .

Cal. Penal Code § 290.45 (West)

(a)(1) . . . All information identifying the victim by name, birth date, address, or relationship to the registrant shall be excluded from the Internet Web site. . . .

Cal. Penal Code § 290.46 (West)

# **Court Records**

(c) Information that must be excluded from court calendars, indexes, and registers of actions The following information must be excluded from a court's electronic calendar, index, and register of actions:

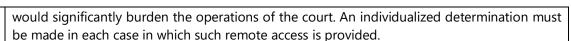
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(5) Victim information;

CA ST TR COURT Rule 2.507

(e) Remote access allowed in extraordinary criminal cases

Notwithstanding (c)(5), the presiding judge of the court, or a judge assigned by the presiding judge, may exercise discretion, subject to (e)(1), to permit remote access by the public to all or a portion of the public court records in an individual criminal case if (1) the number of requests for access to documents in the case is extraordinarily high and (2) responding to those requests



. . .

(2) The court should, to the extent feasible, redact the following information from records to which it allows remote access under (e): . . . addresses and phone numbers of . . . victims . . . ; medical or psychiatric information; financial information; account numbers; and other personal identifying information. . . .

CA ST TR COURT Rule 2.503

(d) Remote electronic access allowed in extraordinary cases

Notwithstanding (c)(2), the presiding justice of the court, or a justice assigned by the presiding justice, may exercise discretion, subject to (d)(1), to permit remote electronic access by the public to all or a portion of the public court records in an individual case if (1) the number of requests for access to documents in the case is extraordinarily high and (2) responding to those requests would significantly burden the operations of the court. An individualized determination must be made in each case in which such remote electronic access is provided.

. . .

(2) The following information must be redacted from records to which the court allows remote access under (d): . . . addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of . . . victims . . . medical or psychiatric information; financial information; account numbers; and other personal identifying information. . . .

Cal. R. Ct. 8.83

The court may order that evidence of the victim's current address and telephone number be excluded from any hearings conducted pursuant to the criminal proceeding if the court finds that the probative value of the evidence is outweighed by the creation of substantial danger to the victim.

Cal. Evid. Code § 352.1 (West)

(a) Except as provided in Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1054) of Part 2 of Title 7, or for cases in which the alleged victim of a sex offense, as specified in subdivision (f) of Section 293, has not elected to exercise his or her right pursuant to Section 6254 of the Government Code, the court, at the request of the alleged victim, may order the identity of the alleged victim in all records and during all proceedings to be either Jane Doe or John Doe, if the court finds that such an order is reasonably necessary to protect the privacy of the person and will not unduly prejudice the prosecution or the defense.

Cal. Penal Code § 293.5 (West)

## **Prosecution Records**

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no attorney may disclose or permit to be disclosed to a defendant, members of the defendant's family, or anyone else, the address or telephone number of a victim or witness whose name is disclosed to the attorney pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1054.1, unless specifically permitted to do so by the court after a hearing and a showing of good cause.

Cal. Penal Code § 1054.2 (West)

## **Law Enforcement Records**

(c) A law enforcement agency shall not disclose to a person, except the prosecutor, parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, hearing officers of the parole



authority, probation officers of county probation departments, or other persons or public agencies where authorized or required by law, the address of a person who alleges to be the victim of a sex offense.

- (d) A law enforcement agency shall not disclose to a person, except the prosecutor, parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, hearing officers of the parole authority, probation officers of county probation departments, or other persons or public agencies where authorized or required by law, the name of a person who alleges to be the victim of a sex offense if that person has elected to exercise his or her right pursuant to this section and Section 6254 of the Government Code.
- (e) A law enforcement agency shall not disclose to a person, except the prosecutor, parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, hearing officers of the parole authority, probation officers of county probation departments, or other persons or public agencies if authorized or required by law, names, addresses, or images of a person who alleges to be the victim of human trafficking, as defined in Section 236.1, or of that alleged victim's immediate family, other than a family member who is charged with a criminal offense arising from the same incident, and that information and those images shall be withheld and remain confidential. The law enforcement agency shall orally inform the person who alleges to be the victim of human trafficking of his or her right to have his or her name, addresses, and images, and the names, addresses, and images of his or her immediate family members withheld and kept confidential pursuant to this section and Section 6254 of the Government Code. For purposes of this subdivision, "immediate family" shall have the same meaning as that provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 422.4 of the Penal Code.

Cal. Penal Code § 293 (West)

(a) Except as otherwise required by Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1054) of Title 7, or by the United States Constitution or the California Constitution, no law enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency shall disclose to any arrested person, or to any person who may be a defendant in a criminal action, the address or telephone number of any person who is a victim or witness in the alleged offense.

Cal. Penal Code § 841.5 (West)

(a) In each county, the district attorney and the courts, in consultation with any local law enforcement agencies that may desire to provide information or other assistance, shall establish a mutually agreeable procedure to protect confidential personal information regarding any witness or victim contained in a police report, arrest report, or investigative report if one of these reports is submitted to a court by a prosecutor in support of a criminal complaint, indictment, or information, or by a prosecutor or law enforcement officer in support of a search warrant or an arrest warrant.

Cal. Penal Code § 964 (West)

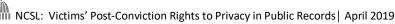
## **Colorado:**

## **Public Records**

(1) In order to preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process, each victim of a crime has the following rights:

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(v) The right to prevent any party at any court proceeding from compelling testimony regarding the current address, telephone number, place of employment, or other locating information of the victim unless the victim consents or the court orders disclosure upon a finding that a



reasonable and articulable need for the information exists. Any proceeding conducted by the court concerning whether to order disclosure shall be in camera.

- (w) The right to have the district attorney, a law enforcement agency, a probation department, a state or private correctional facility, the department of human services, or the Colorado mental health institute at Pueblo make all reasonable efforts to exclude or redact a victim's social security number or a witness' social security number from a criminal justice document or record created or compiled as a result of a criminal investigation when the document or record is released to anyone other than the victim, the defense attorney of record, the defense attorney's agent, or a criminal justice agency that has duties under this article;
- (x) The right to be notified of how to request protection of their address pursuant to the Colorado rules of criminal procedure;

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 24-4.1-302.5 (West)

(2) Upon request of a victim, all correctional officials shall keep confidential the address, telephone number, place of employment, or other personal information of such victim or members of such victim's immediate family.

(11) The district attorney shall inform a victim of the following:

(i) The availability of the district attorney to seek a court order to protect a victim's residential address.

(18) The district attorney, a law enforcement agency, a probation department, a state or private correctional facility, the department of human services, or the Colorado mental health institute at Pueblo shall make all reasonable efforts to exclude or redact a victim's social security number or a witness' social security number from any criminal justice document or record created or compiled as a result of a criminal investigation when the document or record is released to anyone other than the victim, a criminal justice agency that has duties under this article, or the attorney for the defendant.

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 24-4.1-303 (West)

(4)(a) The name and any other information that would identify any victim of sexual assault or of alleged sexual assault or attempted sexual assault or alleged attempted sexual assault shall be deleted from any criminal justice record prior to the release of such record to any individual or agency other than a criminal justice agency when such record bears the notation "SEXUAL ASSAULT" prescribed by this subsection (4).

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 24-72-304 (West)

- (f) ... Information concerning victims shall not be released pursuant to this section. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 16-22-110 (West)
- (1) The CBI shall post a link on the state of Colorado home page on the internet to a list containing the names, addresses, and physical descriptions of certain persons and descriptions of the offenses committed by said persons. . . . The list shall specifically exclude any reference to any victims of the offenses. . . .

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 16-22-111 (West)

(4) . . . Information concerning victims shall not be released pursuant to this section. Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 16-22-112 (West)

## **Court Records**

(c) Must Deny Inspection. Unless otherwise provided by federal statute or regulation, state statute, court rule, or court order, the custodian must deny inspection of the following records:

(11) Portions of records that reveal a crime victim's confidential personal information.

. . .

(19) The following financial records:

. .

(C) Financial records that reveal a crime victim's or a witness's confidential personal information.

CO ST PUB ACC REC Rule 2

- (3)(a) In a criminal prosecution including an offense described in subsection (2) of this section, the court may, at any time upon motion of the prosecution or on the court's own motion, issue a protective order pursuant to the Colorado rules of criminal procedure concerning disclosure of information relating to the victim or a witness. The court may punish a violation of a protective order by contempt of court.
- (b) The victim who would be the subject of the protective order may object to the motion for a protective order.

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-3-407 (West)

## **Connecticut:**

# **Public Records**

(b) Nothing in the Freedom of Information Act1 shall be construed to require disclosure of:

. . .

- (3) Records of law enforcement agencies not otherwise available to the public which records were compiled in connection with the detection or investigation of crime, if the disclosure of said records would not be in the public interest because it would result in the disclosure of . . .
- (G) the name and address of the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof . . . .

. . .

(27) Any record created by a law enforcement agency or other federal, state, or municipal governmental agency consisting of a photograph, film, video or digital or other visual image depicting the victim of a homicide, to the extent that such record could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the victim or the victim's surviving family members;

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 1-210 (West)

(c) A request for notification filed pursuant to this section shall be in such form and content as the Office of the Chief Court Administrator may prescribe. Such request for notification shall be confidential and shall remain confidential while in the custody of the Office of Victim Services and the Department of Correction and shall not be disclosed. It shall be the responsibility of the victim to notify the Office of Victim Services and the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction of his or her current mailing address and telephone number, which shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Office of Victim Services and the Department of Correction. . . .

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-228 (West)

(d) Upon receipt of notice from the Department of Correction pursuant to section 54-231, the Office of Victim Services shall notify by mail all victims who have requested to be notified pursuant to section 54-228 whenever such inmate is scheduled to be released from a correctional institution. Such notice shall be in writing and notify each victim of the date of such inmate's release. The victim shall notify the Office of Victim Services of his or her current mailing address and telephone number, which shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Office of Victim Services. . . .



Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-230 (West)

The name and address of the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a and such other identifying information pertaining to such victim as determined by the court, shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only upon order of the Superior Court, except that (1) such information shall be available to the accused in the same manner and time as such information is available to persons accused of other criminal offenses, and (2) if a protective order is issued in a prosecution under any of said sections, the name and address of the victim, in addition to the information contained in and concerning the issuance of such order, shall be entered in the registry of protective orders pursuant to section 51-5c.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-86e (West)

- (a) Upon the conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any person for a violation of section 53a-70b, the court may order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access, provided the court finds that dissemination of the registration information is not required for public safety and that publication of the registration information would be likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides . . . .
- (b) Upon the conviction or finding of not quilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any person of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, where the victim of such offense was, at the time of the offense, under eighteen years of age and related to such person within any of the degrees of kindred specified in section 46b-21, the court may order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access, provided the court finds that dissemination of the registration information is not required for public safety and that publication of the registration information would be likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides. . . .

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-255 (West)

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, state agencies, the Judicial Department, state police troops and local police departments shall not disclose the identity of any victim of a crime committed by a registrant or treatment information provided to the registry pursuant to sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, except to government agencies for bona fide law enforcement or security purposes.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-258 (West)

## **Court Records**

Any person who has been the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, voyeurism under section 53a-189a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a, shall not be required to divulge his or her address or telephone number during any trial or pretrial evidentiary hearing arising from the sexual assault, voyeurism or injury or risk of injury to, or impairing of morals of, a child, or family violence; provided the judge presiding over such legal proceeding finds: (1) Such information is not material to the proceeding, (2) the identity of the victim has been satisfactorily established, and (3) the current address of the victim will be made available to the defense in the same manner and time as such information is made available to the defense for other criminal offenses.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 54-86d (West)



(i) The judge presiding over the proceeding or trial in his or her discretion, upon the judge's own motion or at the request of a participant, may prohibit the broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing of any participant at the trial. The judge shall give great weight to requests where the protection of the identity of a person is desirable in the interests of justice, such as for the victims of crime . . . .

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(b)(1) All such proceedings may be broadcast, televised, videotaped, audio recorded or photographed unless: (A) the panel of jurists grants a motion by a party or a victim in a case requesting the limitation or preclusion of such coverage, or (B) the panel of jurists, on its own motion, limits or precludes such coverage. The right to permit or to exclude coverage, whether partially or totally, at any time in the interests of the administration of justice shall remain with the panel of jurists

Conn. Practice Book Sec. 70-9

# **Bodycam Footage**

(g) . . .

(2) No record created using body-worn recording equipment of (A) an occurrence or situation described in subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) a scene of an incident that involves (i) a victim of domestic or sexual abuse, (ii) a victim of homicide or suicide, or (iii) a deceased victim of an accident, if disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in the case of any such victim described in this subparagraph, or (C) a minor, shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and any such record shall be confidential, except that a record of a minor shall be disclosed if (i) the minor and the parent or guardian of such minor consent to the disclosure of such record, (ii) a police officer is the subject of an allegation of misconduct made by such minor or the parent or guardian of such minor, and the person representing such officer in an investigation of such alleged misconduct requests disclosure of such record for the sole purpose of preparing a defense to such allegation, or (iii) a person is charged with a crime and defense counsel for such person requests disclosure of such record for the sole purpose of assisting in such person's defense and the discovery of such record as evidence is otherwise discoverable.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 29-6d (West)

## **Delaware:**

Public Records(a) When used in this subchapter:

. . .

(3) "Searchable records available to the public" means records regarding every sex offender who has been convicted and who is thereafter designated to Risk Assessment Tier II or III pursuant to this section . . . except that relationship to the victim shall not be a searchable record and age of victim shall be searchable only by age ranges birth to 11 years, 12 to 15 years, 16 to 17 years, and 18 and above. . . . Exempt from the records are the identity of the victims, the Social Security number of the offender, and arrests that did not result in conviction.

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Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 4121 (West)

(a) Unless a victim or witness waives confidentiality in writing, neither a law-enforcement agency, the prosecutor, nor the corrections department may disclose, except among themselves or as authorized by law, the residential address, telephone number or place of employment of the victim or a member of the victim's family, or the identity, residential address, telephone number or place of employment of a witness or a member of the witness's



family, except to the extent that disclosure is of the site of the crime, is required by law or the Rules of Criminal Procedure, is necessary for law-enforcement purposes, or is permitted by the court for good cause.

- (b) A court may not compel a victim or witness or a member of the victim's or witness's family testifying in a criminal justice proceeding to disclose a residential address or place of employment on the record unless the court finds that disclosure of the information is necessary.
- (c) The victim's address, place of employment and telephone number and any witness's identity, address, place of employment and telephone number, maintained by a court, prosecutor or law-enforcement agency pursuant to this chapter is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act [Chapter 100 of Title 29].

Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 9403 (West)

(m) Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any law-enforcement agency may release relevant information collected pursuant to this section where it is necessary to protect the public concerning a sex offender required to register pursuant to this section, except that the identity of a victim of the offense . . . shall not be released.

Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 4120 (West)

## **District of Columbia:**

## **Public Records**

(c) Producing Documents and Objects.

. . .

(3) Subpoena for Personal or Confidential Information About a Victim. After a complaint, indictment, or information is filed, a subpoena requiring the production of personal or confidential information about a victim may be served on a third party only by court order. Before entering the order and unless there are exceptional circumstances, the court must require giving notice to the victim so that the victim can move to quash or modify the subpoena or otherwise object.

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(f) Information identifying a victim of homicide or suicide, the victim's family members, or the alleged or suspected perpetrator of the homicide or suicide shall not be disclosed by the [Fatality Review] Committee in any report that is available to the public.

D.C. Code Ann. § 5-1431.05 (West)

- (f) Information identifying a victim of domestic violence or that person's family members, or an alleged perpetrator of abuse upon the victim, shall not be disclosed in any report [made by the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board] that is available to the public.
- D.C. Code Ann. § 16-1056 (West)
- (e) This section does not limit the authority of the Metropolitan Police Department to release information concerning any person, except that the identity of a victim of an offense requiring registration shall be treated as confidential information as provided in the regulations issued under subsection (g) of this section.

D.C. Code Ann. § 22-4011 (West)

## **Court Records**

F. The following procedures govern the drafting and circulation of opinions:

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8. In all opinions, published or unpublished, in appeals from an adjudication of delinquency or neglect, termination of parental rights, or an unconsented adoption, initials instead of names will be used to refer to individual persons who are parties. Initials will also be used in place of





names to identify the victim in any appeal from a conviction or delinquency adjudication arising from a sexual assault.

D.C. Ct. App. R. IOP VIII

#### Florida:

#### Constitutional

(b) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents, every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:

. . .

(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.

Fla. Const. art. I, § 16

## **Public Records**

(2) Agency investigations.--

. . .

- (h) 1. The following criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
- a. Any information that reveals the identity of the victim of the crime of child abuse as defined by chapter 827 or that reveals the identity of a person under the age of 18 who is the victim of the crime of human trafficking proscribed in s. 787.06(3)(a).
- b. Any information that may reveal the identity of a person who is a victim of any sexual offense, including a sexual offense proscribed in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g), chapter 794, chapter 796, chapter 800, chapter 827, or chapter 847.
- c. A photograph, videotape, or image of any part of the body of the victim of a sexual offense prohibited under s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g), chapter 794, chapter 796, chapter 800, s. 810.145, chapter 827, or chapter 847, regardless of whether the photograph, videotape, or image identifies the victim.

. . .

- (i) Any criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information that reveals the personal assets of the victim of a crime, other than property stolen or destroyed during the commission of the crime, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (j) 1. Any document that reveals the identity, home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets of the victim of a crime and identifies that person as the victim of a crime, which document is received by any agency that regularly receives information from or concerning the victims of crime, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any information not otherwise held confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) which reveals the home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets of a person who has been the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, upon written request by the victim, which must include official verification that an applicable crime has occurred. Such information shall cease to be exempt 5 years after the receipt of the written request. Any state or federal agency that is authorized to have access to such documents by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding this section.
- 2. a. Any information in a videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in



- s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145, which reveals that minor's identity, including, but not limited to, the minor's face; the minor's home, school, church, or employment telephone number; the minor's home, school, church, or employment address; the name of the minor's school, church, or place of employment; or the personal assets of the minor; and which identifies that minor as the victim of a crime described in this subparagraph, held by a law enforcement agency, is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any governmental agency that is authorized to have access to such statements by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of the agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.
- b. A public employee or officer who has access to a videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145 may not willfully and knowingly disclose videotaped information that reveals the minor's identity to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged offense or to any person other than the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or a person specified in an order entered by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense. A person who violates this provision commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

. . .

- (n) Personal identifying information of the alleged victim in an allegation of sexual harassment is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such information may be disclosed to another governmental entity in the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- (o) The address of a victim of an incident of mass violence is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "incident of mass violence" means an incident in which four or more people, not including the perpetrator, are severely injured or killed by an intentional and indiscriminate act of violence of another. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "victim" means a person killed or injured during an incident of mass violence, not including the perpetrator. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 119.071 (West)

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law or in this section, the following records and information held by the Department of Corrections are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

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(f) Information concerning a victim's statement and identity.

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 945.10 (West)

No person shall print, publish, or broadcast, or cause or allow to be printed, published, or broadcast, in any instrument of mass communication the name, address, or other identifying fact or information of the victim of any sexual offense within this chapter, except as provided in s. 119.071(2)(h) or unless the court determines that such information is no longer confidential and exempt pursuant to s. 92.56. An offense under this section shall constitute a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 794.03 (West)



(1) A public employee or officer who has access to the photograph, name, or address of a person who is alleged to be the victim of an offense described in this chapter, chapter 800, s. 827.03, s. 827.04, or s. 827.071 may not willfully and knowingly disclose it to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged offense or to any person other than the defendant, the defendant's attorney, a person specified in an order entered by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense, or organizations authorized to receive such information made exempt by s. 119.071(2)(h), or to a rape crisis center or sexual assault counselor, as defined in s. 90.5035(1)(b), who will be offering services to the victim. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 794.024 (West)

(7) Community and public notification.--

(a) . . .

. . .

This paragraph does not authorize the release of the name of any victim of the sexual predator. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 775.21 (West)

#### **Court Records**

(2) . . . [V]ictim impact statements that have been submitted to the court or admitted into evidence under this part shall be part of the record but shall be sealed and may be opened only pursuant to a court order.

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 394.921 (West)

- (d) Procedures for Determining Confidentiality of Court Records.
- (1) The clerk of the court shall designate and maintain the confidentiality of any information contained within a court record that is described in subdivision (d)(1)(A) or (d)(1)(B) of this rule. The following information shall be maintained as confidential:
- (A) information described by any of subdivisions (c)(1) through (c)(6) of this rule; and
- (B) except as provided by court order, information subject to subdivision (c)(7) or (c)(8) of this rule that is currently confidential or exempt from section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and article I, section 24(a) of the Florida Constitution as specifically stated in any of the following statutes or as they may be amended or renumbered:

. . .

- (xii) The victim's address in a domestic violence action on petitioner's request. § 741.30(3)(b), Fla. Stat.
- (xiii) Protected information regarding victims of child abuse or sexual offenses. §§ 119.071(2)(h), 119.0714(1)(h), Fla. Stat.

FL ST J ADMIN Rule 2.420

## **Law Enforcement Records**

Police reports are public records except as otherwise made exempt or confidential. Every person is allowed to examine nonexempt or nonconfidential police reports. A person who comes into possession of exempt or confidential information contained in police reports may not use that information for any commercial solicitation of the victims or relatives of the victims of the reported crimes or accidents and may not knowingly disclose such information to any third party for the purpose of such solicitation during the period of time that information remains exempt or confidential....

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 119.105 (West)

## **Georgia:**

#### **Public Records**

(b) Current addresses and telephone numbers of victims and their names provided for the purposes of notification pursuant to this chapter or any other notification statute shall be



confidential and used solely for the purposes of this chapter and shall not be subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to inspection of public records. Ga. Code Ann. § 17-17-14 (West)

(o) The information collected pursuant to this Code section shall be treated as private data except that:

. . .

(3) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation or any sheriff maintaining records required under this Code section shall, in addition to the requirements of this Code section to inform the public of the presence of sexual offenders in each community, release such other relevant information collected under this Code section that is necessary to protect the public concerning sexual offenders required to register under this Code section, except that the identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this Code section shall not be released.

#### **Court Records**

Ga. Code Ann. § 42-1-12 (West)

(F) Other persons or organizations desiring to record. Any other persons or organizations, including representatives of the news media, desiring to record a court proceeding shall make application to the judge on the form in Exhibit A following this rule.

. . .

(3) Notice and hearing: The court will notify the parties of its receipt of a request for recording. Parties shall then notify their witnesses. The prosecutor of a criminal case shall notify alleged victims. The judge will promptly hold a hearing if the judge intends to deny the request or a portion of the request, or if a party, witness, or alleged victim objects to a request. The hearing under this paragraph shall be part of the official record of the proceeding.

## Ga. Unif. Super. Ct. R. 22

## Hawaii:

#### **Public Records**

(a) There is established the address confidentiality program in the department of the attorney general to protect the confidentiality of the actual address of a victim of domestic abuse, a sexual offense, or stalking and to prevent the victim's assailants or potential assailants from finding the victim through public records. . . .

Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 801G-2 (West)

(a) Registration information shall be disclosed as follows:

. . .

(3) The attorney general and any county police department shall release public information as provided in subsection (b) concerning a specific person required to register under this chapter; provided that the identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this chapter shall not be released.

Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 846E-3 (West)

## Idaho:

## **Public Records**

The following records are exempt from disclosure:

. .

(4)(a) The following records of the department of correction:

. . .

(ii) Records that contain any identifying information, or any information that would lead to the identification of any victims or witnesses;

. . .



(c) Records of the commission of pardons and parole shall be exempt from public disclosure pursuant to section 20-213A, Idaho Code, and section 20-223, Idaho Code. Records exempt from disclosure shall also include those containing the names, addresses and written statements of victims.

Idaho Code Ann. § 74-105 (West)

Information within the sexual offender registry collected pursuant to this chapter is subject to release only as provided by this section.

. .

- (3) The following information shall not be disclosed to the public:
- (a) The identity of the victim;

. . .

(4) Where a crime category such as "incest" may serve to identify a victim, that crime will be reported as a violation of section 18-1506, Idaho Code.

Idaho Code Ann. § 18-8323 (West)

#### **Court Records**

(g) Court records exempt from disclosure. Except as provided in paragraph (h) of this rule, court records specified below are confidential and are exempt from disclosure. Any willful or intentional disclosure of a confidential court record may be treated as a contempt of court.

. . .

(17) Records maintained by a court that are gathered at the request or under the auspices of a court (other than records that have been admitted in evidence);

. . .

(F) to provide personal or identifying information on individuals for internal court use, including . . . victim information/restitution sheets.

ID R ADMIN Rule 32

(d) The presiding judge may exclude audio/visual coverage of a particular participant or direct that the identity or audio of a participant be concealed upon a determination that such coverage will have a substantial adverse effect upon a particular individual. It is expected the presiding judge will exercise particular sensitivity to victims of crime.

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(2) . . . The victim's address shall be kept confidential by the court except for carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

Idaho Code Ann. § 19-5306 (West)

#### **Prosecution Records**

- (d) Redacting Protected Information from Responses to Discovery. The party providing discovery may redact protected information from the information or material provided.
- (1) Protected information means:
- (A) Contact Information. The home addresses, business addresses, telephone numbers (including cell phones), and email addresses of an alleged victim, or of a witness, or of the spouse, children, or other close family members of the alleged victim or witness, and the places where any of those persons regularly go, such as schools and places of employment and worship.

I.C.R. 16



## Illinois:

#### Constitutional

(a) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights:

. . .

(2) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.

III. Const. art. I, § 8.1

#### **Public Records**

(a) Crime victims shall have the following rights:

. .

(1.5) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law

725 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4

(c-5) The following procedures shall be followed to afford victims the rights guaranteed by Article I, Section 8.1 of the Illinois Constitution:

. . .

(9) Right to notice and hearing before disclosure of confidential or privileged information or records. A defendant who seeks to subpoena records of or concerning the victim that are confidential or privileged by law must seek permission of the court before the subpoena is issued.... The prosecuting attorney and the victim shall have 30 days to seek appellate review before the records are disclosed to the defendant....

725 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4.5

(1) . . . [T]he following shall be exempt from inspection and copying:

. . .

- (e-9) Records requested by a person in a county jail or committed to the Department of Corrections or Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health, containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or the victim's family, including, but not limited to, a victim's home address, home telephone number, work or school address, work telephone number, social security number, or any other identifying information, except as may be relevant to a requester's current or potential case or claim.
- 5 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 140/7
- (h) The Attorney General shall not release the names, addresses, phone numbers, personal identification numbers, or email addresses of any person registered to receive notifications to any other person except State or local officials using the notification system to satisfy the official's obligation to provide the information. The Attorney General may grant limited access to the Automated Victim Notification system (AVN) to law enforcement, prosecution, and other agencies that provide service to victims of violent crime to assist victims in enrolling and utilizing the AVN system.

725 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/8.5

- (b) If the court places a civilly committed sexually violent person on conditional release under Section 40 or 60 of this Act or discharges a person under Section 65, or if a detainee or civilly committed sexually violent person escapes, dies, or is subject to any court-ordered change in custody status of the detainee or sexually violent person, the Department shall make a reasonable attempt, if he or she can be found, to notify all of the following who have requested notification under this Act or under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act:
- (1) Whichever of the following persons is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(3):



- (A) The victim of the act of sexual violence.
- (B) An adult member of the victim's family, if the victim died as a result of the act of sexual violence.
- (C) The victim's parent or legal guardian, if the victim is younger than 18 years old.

. . .

(d) The Department shall design and prepare cards for persons specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this Section to send to the Department.... All records or portions of records of the Department that relate to mailing addresses of these persons are not subject to inspection or copying under Section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act.

725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 207/75

#### **Court Records**

(b) Expungement.

. .

(5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse, the victim of that offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to seal the records of the circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority and the Department of State Police concerning the offense shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in connection with the proceedings of the trial court concerning the offense available for public inspection.

20 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 2630/5.2

#### **Prosecution Records**

(2) Information identifying victims and alleged victims of sex offenses, shall not be disclosed or open to public inspection under any circumstances. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the victim or alleged victim of any sex offense from voluntarily disclosing his or her identity. 705 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 405/5-905

# **Bodycam Footage**

(a) The Board shall develop basic guidelines for the use of officer-worn body cameras by law enforcement agencies. The guidelines developed by the Board shall be the basis for the written policy which must be adopted by each law enforcement agency which employs the use of officer-worn body cameras. The written policy adopted by the law enforcement agency must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

. . .

- (4) Cameras must be turned off when:
- (A) the victim of a crime requests that the camera be turned off, and unless impractical or impossible, that request is made on the recording;

50 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 706/10-20

## Indiana:

## **Public Records**

(h) The address of the victim of a parolee who is a sex offender convicted of a sex offense (as defined in IC 35-38-2-2.5) is confidential, even if the sex offender obtains a waiver under IC 35-38-2-2.5.

Ind. Code Ann. § 11-13-3-4 (West)



(f) The address of the victim of the offender's sex offense is confidential even if the court grants a waiver under this section.

Ind. Code Ann. § 35-38-1-33 (West)

(h) The address of the victim of the offender's sex offense is confidential even if the court or parole board grants a waiver under subsection (f).

Ind. Code Ann. § 35-38-2-2.5 (West)

(f) The address of the victim of the stalking is confidential even if the court or parole board grants a waiver under subsection (d).

Ind. Code Ann. § 35-38-2-2.6 (West)

#### **Court Records**

- (a) If the physical safety of a victim or the victim's immediate family is in danger, a victim may not be required to give personal information during the course of sworn testimony regarding the following:
- (1) Telephone numbers.
- (2) Place of employment.
- (3) Residential address.

Ind. Code Ann. § 35-37-4-12 (West)

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

- (e) A public agency that discloses a law enforcement recording under this section:
- (1) shall obscure:

. . .

(B) depictions of:

. . .

(vii) a victim of a crime, or any information identifying the victim of a crime, if the public agency finds that obscuring this information is necessary for the victim's safety;

Ind. Code Ann. § 5-14-3-5.2 (West)

#### lowa:

## **Public Records**

A filer may redact the following information from documents available to the public unless the information is required by law or is material to the proceedings:

. . .

7. Information concerning crime victims.

Iowa R. Civ. P. 16.604

- 7. The following relevant information shall not be provided to the general public:
- a. The identity of the victim.

Iowa Code Ann. § 692A.121 (West)

3. Notwithstanding chapter 22 or any other contrary provision of law, the registration of a victim, victim's family, or other interested person shall be strictly maintained in a separate confidential file or other confidential medium, and shall be available only to the offices, agencies, and departments required to provide information under this subchapter.

Iowa Code Ann. § 915.12 (West)

## **Court Records**





1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any . . . victim impact statements which have been submitted to the court or admitted into evidence under this chapter shall be part of the record but shall be sealed and opened only on order of the court. Iowa Code Ann. § 229A.15 (West)

#### Kansas:

#### **Public Records**

(a) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public agency shall not be required to disclose:

. . .

- (10) Criminal investigation records, except as provided herein. The district court, in an action brought pursuant to K.S.A. 45-222, and amendments thereto, may order disclosure of such records, subject to such conditions as the court may impose, if the court finds that disclosure:
- · · ·
- (F) would not reveal the name, address, phone number or any other information which specifically and individually identifies the victim of any sexual offense in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

. . .

(29) Correctional records pertaining to an identifiable inmate or release, except that:

. . .

(C) the information provided to the law enforcement agency pursuant to the sex offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be subject to disclosure to any person, except that the name, address, telephone number or any other information which specifically and individually identifies the victim of any offender required to register as provided by the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed; . . . .

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 45-221 (West)

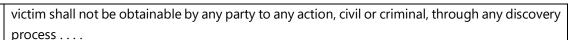
- (f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the following information shall not be disclosed other than to law enforcement agencies:
- (1) The name, address, telephone number or any other information which specifically and individually identifies the identity of any victim of a registerable offense;

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22-4909 (West)

(a) In any proceeding under the Kansas administrative procedure act, the presiding officer may provide for the omission from any required notice or order or otherwise keep out of the public record the name, address or other contact information of alleged victims of crime, abuse, domestic violence or sexual assault when it is alleged in an affidavit or a pleading under oath that the health, safety or liberty of such a person would be jeopardized by disclosure of that information. In such cases, notice or service to such persons shall be made through the presiding officer.

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 77-503a (West)

(e) All records and information given to the [Crime Victims Compensation Board] to process a claim on behalf of a crime victim shall be confidential. Such exhibits, medical records, psychological records, counseling records, work records, criminal investigation records, criminal court case records, witness statements, telephone records, and other records of any type or nature whatsoever gathered for the purpose of evaluating whether to compensate a



Kan. Stat. Ann. § 74-7308 (West)

(c) The secretary of corrections shall keep a record of all victims and their current addresses or such victims' family and their current addresses, who give the secretary such victim or victims' family name pursuant to subsection (b), and shall update such record as notified by the victims or the victims' family. Such record shall be kept confidential and separate from all other records and shall not be available to the inmate or any other party other than the victim or the victim's family.

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 74-7338 (West)

#### **Court Records**

(b) The presentence report shall become part of the court record and shall be accessible to the public, except that . . . the victim's statement . . . shall be accessible only to the attorney for the state and the counsel for the defendant, the sentencing judge, the department of corrections and if requested, the Kansas sentencing commission. . . .

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-6704 (West)

(c) The presentence report will become part of the court record and shall be accessible to the public, except that . . . the victim's statement . . . shall be accessible only to the parties, the sentencing judge, the department of corrections, and if requested, the Kansas sentencing commission. . . .

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-6813 (West)

(e) Permission Required for Exception to Rule....

. . .

- (7) The trial judge must prohibit the audio recording and photographing of a participant in a court proceeding if the participant so requests and (a) the participant is a victim . . . . KS R MEDIA Rule 1001
- (c) Victim of Sex Crime. In a case in an appellate court, a motion, brief, or opinion or order of the appellate court must refer to a victim of a sex crime by initials only or by given name and last initial.

Kan. Sup. Ct. R. 7.043

## **Prosecution Records**

(b) . . .

. . .

- (5) As used in this subsection, personal identifiers include, but are not limited to, birthdates, social security numbers, taxpayer identification numbers, drivers license numbers, account numbers of active financial accounts, home addresses and personal telephone numbers of any victims or material witnesses.
- (6) If the prosecuting attorney does provide the defendant's counsel with unredacted vehicle identification numbers or personal identifiers, the defendant's counsel shall not further disclose the unredacted numbers or identifiers to the defendant or any other person, directly or indirectly, except as authorized by order of the court.

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 22-3212 (West)

# Kentucky: Public Records



(1) The Department of Kentucky	State Police shall	establish a	a Web site	available to	the	public.
The Web site shall display:						

- (a) The registrant information, except for information that identifies a victim . . . ;
- (b) The sex offender information, except for information that identifies a victim . . . ;
- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17.580 (West)

#### **Court Records**

(c) Procedure to determine admissibility.

. . .

(2) Before admitting evidence [of the victim's sexual behavior or sexual predisposition] under this rule the court must conduct a hearing in camera and afford the victim and parties a right to attend and be heard. The motion, related papers, and the record of the hearing must be sealed and remain under seal unless the court orders otherwise.

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#### Louisiana:

#### **Public Records**

- J. (1) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of information which would reveal the name, address, contact information, or identity of a victim of a sex offense or a human trafficking-related offense as those terms are defined in R.S. 46:1844.
- (2) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of information which would reveal the name, address, contact information, or identity of a crime victim who at the time of the commission of the offense is a minor under eighteen years of age.
- (3) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of information which would reveal the address or contact information of a victim of a crime against a family member, household member, or dating partner. "Family member" and "household member" shall have the same definitions as in R.S. 46:2132 and "dating partner" shall have the same definition as in R.S. 46:2151.

La. Stat. Ann. § 44:3

В. . . .

. . .

(3) The identity of a victim, or information leading to the identity of a victim, of an offense that requires registration under this Section shall not be released.

La. Stat. Ann. § 15:546

Α...

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(2) . . .

. . .

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection, the following information shall be exempt from public access as well as any other mandatory exemptions which are required by the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 and any federal guidelines adopted pursuant thereto:

. . .

(ii) Names of the victims of the offenses requiring registration.

La. Stat. Ann. § 15:542.1.5

## **Court Records**





K. Right of victim or designated family member to be present and heard at all critical stages of the proceedings.

(1) . . .

- (b) The victim and victim's family members shall have the right to make a written and oral victim impact statement as follows:
- (i) Any written statement shall be made available to the state and the defendant and shall be made part of the record. The statement may be submitted by the district attorney upon request of the victim or designated family member. Upon request of the victim or designated family member, any such written statement may be sealed by the court after review by the parties. La. Stat. Ann. § 46:1844

## Maine:

## **Public Records**

1. General rule of confidentiality. Records that pertain to a victim's current address or location or that contain information from which a victim's current address or location could be determined must be kept confidential, subject to disclosure only as authorized in this section. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 17-A, § 1176

## **Court Records**

In the following court proceedings:

- A. Any criminal proceeding involving an allegation of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images, 17-A M.R.S. § 511-A; and
- B. Any protection from abuse proceeding where the plaintiff alleges that he or she is a victim of the unauthorized dissemination of certain private images, 17-A M.R.S. § 511-A,

Any image (including a photograph, videotape, film, or digital recording) submitted to the court as part of a filing or as an exhibit shall be placed under seal by the Court Clerk. The named defendant or defendant's attorney may make arrangements to view the sealed image at the courthouse.

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# Maryland:

## **Public Records**

- (a)(1) The Department shall make available to the public registration statements or information about registration statements.
- (2) Information about registration statements shall include, in plain language that can be understood without special knowledge of the criminal laws of the State, a factual description of the crime of the offender that is the basis for the registration, excluding details that would identify the victim.

. . .

(b) The Department shall post on the Internet:

. . .

(2) in plain language that can be understood without special knowledge of the criminal laws of the State, a factual description of the crime of the offender that is the basis for the registration, excluding details that would identify the victim.

Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-717 (West)

(c) A local law enforcement unit and the Department may not release the identity of a victim of a crime that requires registration under this subtitle.

Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-718 (West)

#### **Court Records**



Except as otherwise provided by law, the Rules in this Chapter, or court order, a custodian shall deny inspection of a case record or a part of a case record that would reveal:

. . .

(c) The address, telephone number, and e-mail address of a victim or victim's representative in a criminal action, juvenile delinquency action, or an action under Code, Family Law Article, Title 4, Subtitle 5, who has requested that such information be shielded. Such a request may be made at any time, including in a victim notification request form filed with the clerk or a request or motion filed under Rule 16-912.

MD R CTS J AND ATTYS Rule 16-908

(b) Denial of Access.

. . .

- (2) Certain Identifying Information.
- (A) In General. Except as provided in subsection (b)(2)(B) of this Rule, a custodian shall prevent remote access to the name, address, telephone number, date of birth, e-mail address, and place of employment of a victim . . . .

MD R CTS J AND ATTYS Rule 16-910

On request of the State, a victim of or witness to a felony or delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, or a victim's representative, a judge, State's Attorney, District Court commissioner, intake officer, or law enforcement officer may withhold the address or telephone number of the victim, victim's representative, or witness before the trial or adjudicatory hearing in a juvenile delinquency proceeding, unless a judge determines that good cause has been shown for the release of the information.

Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-205 (West)

On motion of the State or on request of a victim or witness, during a criminal trial or a juvenile delinquency adjudicatory hearing, a court may prohibit the release of the address or telephone number of the victim or witness unless the court determines that good cause is shown for the release of the information.

Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-301 (West)

## Massachusetts:

## **Public Records**

That portion of the records of a court or any police department of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, which contains the name of the victim in an arrest, investigation or complaint for rape or assault with intent to rape under section thirteen B, 13B ½, 13B ¾, twenty-two, twenty-two A, 22B, 22C, twenty-three, 23A, 23B, twenty-four or twenty-four B, inclusive, of chapter two hundred and sixty-five, or an arrest, investigation or complaint for trafficking of persons under section 50 of said chapter 265, shall be withheld from public inspection, except with the consent of a justice of such court where the complaint or indictment is or would be prosecuted.

Said portion of such court record or police record shall not be deemed to be a public record under the provisions of section seven of chapter four.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 265, § 24C (West)

The home address, telephone number, personal email address or place of employment or education of victims of adjudicated crimes, of victims of domestic violence and of persons providing or training in family planning services and the name, home address, telephone number, personal email address or place of employment or education of a family member of any of the foregoing shall not be public records in the custody of a government agency which maintains records identifying such persons as falling within such categories and shall not be disclosed.



Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 66, § 10B (West)

(2) . . .

. . .

(c) . . .

. . .

(vi) . . . [T]he police or the board shall not release information identifying the victim by name, address or relation to the sex offender. . . .

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 6, § 178K (West)

The police shall not release information identifying the victim by name, address or the victim's relation to the offender.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 6, § 178J (West)

## **Court Records**

(g) A photograph, videotape or other recorded visual image, depicting a person who is nude or partially nude or which depicts a person's sexual or other intimate parts that is part of any court record arising from a prosecution under this section, shall not be open to public inspection and shall only be made available by court personnel to a law enforcement officer, prosecuting attorney, defendant's attorney, defendant, or victim connected to such prosecution for inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 272, § 105 (West)

## Michigan:

#### **Public Records**

(1) A public body may exempt from disclosure as a public record under this act any of the following:

. . .

- (z) Information that would identify or provide a means of identifying a person that may, as a result of disclosure of the information, become a victim of a cybersecurity incident or that would disclose a person's cybersecurity plans or cybersecurity-related practices, procedures, methods, results, organizational information system infrastructure, hardware, or software. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 15.243 (West)
- (2) A victim's address and telephone number maintained by a sheriff or the department of corrections upon a request for notice under this section are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall not be released. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.769 (West)
- (3) A victim's address and telephone number maintained by a hospital or facility under this section is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.769a (West)

(5) A victim's address and telephone number maintained by a sheriff or the department of corrections upon a request for notice under subsection (4) is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall not be released. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.798 (West)

A victim's address and telephone number maintained by a court or a sheriff pursuant to this article is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.



Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.830 (West)

(2) A presentence investigation report prepared under subsection (1) shall not include any address or telephone number for the home, workplace, school, or place of worship of any victim or witness, or a family member of any victim or witness, unless an address is used to identify the place of the crime or to impose conditions of release from custody that are necessary for the protection of a named individual. Upon request, any other address or telephone number that would reveal the location of a victim or witness or a family member of a victim or witness shall be exempted from disclosure unless an address is used to identify the place of the crime or to impose conditions of release from custody that are necessary for the protection of a named individual. . . .

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- (3) The following information shall not be made available on the public internet website described in subsection (2):
- (a) The identity of any victim of the offense.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 28.728 (West)

#### **Court Records**

- (2) The work address and address of the victim shall not be in the court file or ordinary court documents unless contained in a transcript of the trial or it is used to identify the place of the crime. The work telephone number and telephone number of the victim shall not be in the court file or ordinary court documents except as contained in a transcript of the trial.
- (3) Under section 24 of article I of the state constitution of 1963, guaranteeing to crime victims the right to be treated with respect for their dignity and privacy, all of the following information and visual representations of a victim are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246:
- (a) The home address, home telephone number, work address, and work telephone number of the victim unless the address is used to identify the place of the crime.
- (b) A picture, photograph, drawing, or other visual representation, including any film, videotape, or digitally stored image of the victim.
- (c) The following information concerning a victim of child abuse, criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, or a similar crime who was less than 18 years of age when the crime was committed:
- (i) The victim's name and address.
- (ii) The name and address of an immediate family member or relative of the victim, who has the same surname as the victim, other than the name and address of the accused.
- (iii) Any other information that would tend to reveal the identity of the victim, including a reference to the victim's familial or other relationship to the accused.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.758 (West)

- 2. Limitations.
- (a) In the trial courts.

. . .

(ii) . . . The judge has sole discretion to exclude coverage of certain witnesses, including but not limited to the victims of sex crimes and their families . . . .

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#### **Prosecution Records**

(1) If a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is accepted by the court at the time of the arraignment of the defendant for a serious misdemeanor, the court shall notify the prosecuting attorney of the plea and the date of sentencing within 48 hours after the arraignment. If no guilty or nolo



contendere plea is accepted at the arraignment and further proceedings will be scheduled, the court shall so notify the prosecuting attorney within 48 hours after the arraignment. A notice to the prosecuting attorney under this subsection shall be on a separate form and shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the victim. The notice shall not be a matter of public record.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.816 (West)

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

A law enforcement officer investigating a serious misdemeanor involving a victim shall include with the complaint, appearance ticket, or traffic citation filed with the court a separate written statement including the name, address, and phone number of each victim. This separate statement shall not be a matter of public record.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.812 (West)

# **Bodycam Footage**

(1) The disclosure of any audio or video recording recorded by a body-worn camera is subject to the protections provided for crime victims in sections 8, 19, 19a, 21, 34, 38, 48, 62, 68, and 80 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.758, 780.769, 780.769a, 780.771, 780.784, 780.788, 780.798, 780.812, 780.818, and 780.830.

Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.313 (West)

(1) An audio or video recording from a body-worn camera that is retained by a law enforcement agency in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation or an ongoing internal investigation is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, but only to the extent that disclosure as a public record would do any of the following:

. . .

(g) Disclose information regarding a crime victim in violation of sections 8, 19, 19a, 21, 34, 38, 48, 62, 68, and 80 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.758, 780.769, 780.769a, 780.771, 780.784, 780.788, 780.798, 780.812, 780.818, and 780.830. Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.315 (West)

## Minnesota:

## **Public Records**

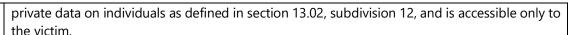
Subd. 2. Report. (a) The Department of Corrections shall establish minimum standards for the [presentence domestic abuse investigation] report, including the circumstances of the offense, impact on the victim, the defendant's prior record, characteristics and history of alcohol and chemical use problems, and amenability to domestic abuse programs. The report is classified as private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. Victim impact statements are confidential

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 609.2244 (West)

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no data contained in records or reports relating to petitions, complaints, or indictments issued pursuant to section 609.322, 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, or 609.3453, which specifically identifies a victim who is a minor shall be accessible to the public, except by order of the court.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 609.3471 (West)

Subd. 4. Private data. All identifying information regarding the victim, including the victim's request and the notice provided by the commissioner or custodial authority, is classified as



Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.06 (West)

- (a) Personal history information and other information collected, used, and maintained by an Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety grantee from which the identity and location of any crime victim may be determined are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and the grantee shall maintain the data in accordance with the provisions of chapter 13.
- (b) Personal history data and other information collected, used, and maintained by the Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Public Safety from which the identity and location of any victim may be determined are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.46 (West)

Subd. 6. Notice; release of arrested person. . . .

. . .

(c) Data on the victim and the notice provided by the custodial authority are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, and are accessible only to the victim. Minn. Stat. Ann. § 629.72 (West)

Subd. 2. Documents.

. . .

(c) A subpoena requiring the production of privileged or confidential records about a victim as defined in Minn. Stat. § 611A.01(b) may be served on a third party only by court order. A motion for an order must comply with Rule 10.03, subd. 1. Before entering the order, the court may require giving notice to the victim so that the victim can move to quash or modify the subpoena or otherwise object.

Minn. R. Crim. P. 22.01

(l) Release of Video Recordings for Use in Administrative Hearing. All records of a petition, and any resulting order, submitted pursuant to MINN. STAT. § 611A.90 seeking release of or access to a video recording of a child victim or alleged victim alleging, explaining, denying, or describing an act of physical or sexual abuse as part of an investigation or evaluation of the abuse and for use as provided in an administrative proceeding (see, e.g., MINN. STAT. § 256.045, subd. 4), except by order of the court.

MN ST ACCESS TO REC Rule 4

Subd. 2. Remote Access to Electronic Records.

. . .

- (b) Certain Data Not To Be Remotely Disclosed. Notwithstanding Rule 8, subd. 2 (c), (e), (f), and
- (g) for case records other than appellate court records, the public shall not have remote access to the following data fields in the register of actions, calendars, index, and judgment docket, with regard to . . . victims of a criminal or delinquent act:
- (1) social security numbers and employer identification numbers;
- (2) street addresses except that street addresses of parties may be made available by access agreement in a form prepared by the state court administrator and approved by the Judicial Council;
- (3) telephone numbers;
- (4) financial account numbers; and
- (5) in the case of a . . . victim of a criminal or delinquent act, information that either specifically identifies the individual or from which the identity of the individual could be ascertained.

MN ST ACCESS TO REC Rule 8

#### **Court Records**

(e) . . .

. .

(iv) No visual or audio coverage is permitted of a victim, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 611A.01(b), or a person giving a statement on behalf of the victim as the victim's proxy, unless the victim and when applicable the victim's proxy, affirmatively acknowledges and agrees in writing before testifying to the proposed coverage.

MN ST GEN PRAC Rule 4.02

#### **Prosecution Records**

Subdivision 1. Discretion of prosecutor not to disclose. (a) A prosecutor may elect not to disclose a victim's or witness's home or employment address, telephone number, or date of birth if the prosecutor certifies to the trial court that:

- (1) the defendant or respondent has been charged with or alleged to have committed a crime;
- (2) the nondisclosure is needed to address the victim's or witness's concerns about safety or security; and
- (3) the victim's or witness's home or employment address, telephone number, or date of birth is not relevant to the prosecution's case.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.035 (West)

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

Subd. 4. Law enforcement agency; disclosure of information to public. . . .

. . .

(e) A law enforcement agency or official who discloses information under this subdivision shall not disclose the identity or any identifying characteristics of the victims of or witnesses to the offender's offenses.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 244.052 (West)

A victim has a right under section 13.82, subdivision 17, clause (d), to request a law enforcement agency to withhold public access to data revealing the victim's identity.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.021 (West)

Subd. 17. Protection of identities. A law enforcement agency or a law enforcement dispatching agency working under direction of a law enforcement agency shall withhold public access to data on individuals to protect the identity of individuals in the following circumstances:

. .

(b) when access to the data would reveal the identity of a victim or alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct or sex trafficking under section 609.322, 609.341 to 609.3451, or 617.246, subdivision 2;

. . .

(d) when access to the data would reveal the identity of a victim of or witness to a crime if the victim or witness specifically requests not to be identified publicly, unless the agency reasonably determines that revealing the identity of the victim or witness would not threaten the personal safety or property of the individual;

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 13.82 (West)





# Mississippi:

#### **Public Records**

(3) Personal information of victims, including victim impact statements and letters of support on behalf of victims that are contained in records on file with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and State Parole Board, shall be exempt from the provisions of [the Public Access to Public Records] chapter

Miss. Code. Ann. § 25-61-12 (West)

## **Court Records**

(1) Based upon the reasonable apprehension of the victim of acts or threats of physical violence or intimidation by the defendant, the family of the defendant, or by anyone at the direction of the defendant, against the victim or the immediate family of the victim, the prosecutor may petition the court to direct that the victim or any other witness not be compelled to testify during pre-trial proceedings or in any trial, facts that could divulge the identity, residence, or place of employment of the victim, or other related information, without consent of the victim unless necessary to the prosecution of the criminal proceeding. If the court schedules a hearing on the merits of the petition, it shall be held in camera.

Miss. Code. Ann. § 99-43-25 (West)

(d) Coverage of certain persons prohibited. Electronic coverage of the following categories of witnesses is expressly prohibited: police informants, minors, undercover agents, relocated witnesses, victims and families of victims of sex crimes, and victims of domestic abuse.

MS R EPC Rule 3

## **Prosecution Records**

(2) The address, phone number, place of employment, and other related information about the victim contained in the prosecuting attorney's file shall not be public record.

Miss. Code. Ann. § 99-43-25 (West)

#### **Prosecution and Law Enforcement Records**

(7) In any investigation or prosecution for an offense under this act, the responsible law enforcement agency or prosecutor's office are required to take all reasonable efforts to keep the identity of the victim and the victim's family confidential by ensuring that the names and identifying information of those individuals are not disclosed to the public.

Miss. Code. Ann. § 97-3-54.6 (West)

#### Missouri:

# **Public Records**

1. All information submitted to the department and any hearing of the department [of public safety] on a [victim compensation] claim filed pursuant to sections 595.010 to 595.075 shall be open to the public except for the following claims which shall be deemed closed and confidential:

. . .

(2) A claim in which the offense allegedly perpetrated against the victim is rape, sodomy or sexual abuse and it is determined by the department to be in the best interest of the victim or of the victim's dependents that the information be kept confidential or that the public be excluded from the hearing;

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.037 (West)

(b) Internet access to electronic records that are public and from which a person can be identified will include only the following data elements, if not confidential by statute or rule:

. . .

(16) Party name and type, except the names of victims of domestic violence shall not be available pursuant to 18 USC 2265(d)(3); . . .

MO R S.CT. OP. RULES Rule 2.04



(a) Confidential Records. Such records include:

. . .

(17) Information that identifies a person as a victim of a sexual offense under section 595.226, RSMo; . . .

MO R S.CT. OP. RULES Rule 8.02

## **Court Records**

1. After August 28, 2007, any information contained in any court record, whether written or published on the internet, including any visual or aural recordings that could be used to identify or locate any victim of an offense under chapter 566 or a victim of domestic assault or stalking shall be closed and redacted from such record prior to disclosure to the public. Identifying information shall include the name, home or temporary address, telephone number, Social Security number, place of employment, or physical characteristics, including an unobstructed visual image of the victim's face or body.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.226 (West)

Any . . . victim impact statements which have been submitted to the court or admitted into evidence pursuant to sections 632.480 to 632.513 shall be part of the record but shall be sealed and opened only on order of the court or as provided in sections 632.480 to 632.513; provided, however, that any person may have access to their own records or reports.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 632.513 (West)

(c) Public inquiries. Any public inquiries specifically requesting personal information shall be answered only by providing access to the case files. The clerks shall not provide such information verbally or by facsimile, or e-mail. Personal information includes, but is not limited to:

. . .

- (3) Victim information including name, address, and other contact information; MO R S.CT. OP. RULES Rule 2.05
- (b) When the defendant is charged with sexual assault, domestic assault, stalking, or forcible rape, the clerk is prohibited by section 595.226, RSMo, from releasing identifying information of a victim to the public. In such cases, the clerk shall not allow a person to listen to the tapes of the proceeding or provide a copy of the tape of the proceeding unless the requestor is a party or attorney in the case. With respect to any other requestor and at the requestor's expense, the proceeding will be provided in redacted transcript format.

MO R S.CT. OP. RULES Rule 5.11

(b) Prohibitions on Media Coverage. Media coverage is prohibited of any:

. . .

(4) Participant in a judicial proceeding if the participant so requests and the participant is a victim of a crime . . .

MO R S.CT. OP. RULES Rule 16.02

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

7. The victim of an offense as provided in chapter 566 may request that his or her identity be kept confidential until a charge relating to such incident is filed.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 610.100 (West)





#### Montana:

#### Constitutional

- <For validity of this section, see Montana Ass'n of Ctys. v. State by & through Fox, 2017 MT 267, 389 Mont. 183, 404 P.3d 733.>
- (1) To preserve and protect a crime victim's right to justice, to ensure a crime victim has a meaningful role in criminal and juvenile justice systems, and to ensure that a crime victim's rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to a criminal defendant and a delinquent youth, a crime victim has the following rights, beginning at the time of victimization:

. .

- (e) to prevent the disclosure of information that could be used to locate or harass the victim or that contains confidential or privileged information about the victim;
- (f) to privacy, including the right to refuse an interview, deposition, or other discovery request and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any interaction to which the victim consents:

Mont. Const. art. II, § 36

#### **Public Records**

(1) If a victim of an offense requests confidentiality, a criminal justice agency may not disseminate, except to another criminal justice agency, the address, telephone number, or place of employment of the victim or a member of the victim's family unless disclosure is of the location of the crime scene, is required by law, is necessary for law enforcement purposes, or is authorized by a district court upon a showing of good cause.

. . .

(3) A criminal justice agency may not disseminate to the public any information directly or indirectly identifying the victim of an offense committed under 45-5-502, 45-5-503, 45-5-504, 45-5-507, 45-5-702, 45-5-703, 45-5-704, or 45-5-705 unless disclosure is of the location of the crime scene, is required by law, is necessary for law enforcement purposes, or is authorized by a district court upon a showing of good cause.

Mont. Code Ann. § 44-5-311 (West)

(2) The identity of a victim of an offense for which registration is required under this part may not be released by a registration agency without the permission of the victim.

Mont. Code Ann. § 46-23-508 (West)

## **Court Records**

(2) The court may not compel a victim or a member of the victim's family who testifies in a criminal justice proceeding to disclose on the record in open court a residence address or place of employment unless the court determines that disclosure of the information is necessary. Mont. Code Ann. § 44-5-311 (West)

Videotapes which are part of the court record are subject to a protective order of the court for the purpose of protecting the privacy of the victim.

Mont. Code Ann. § 46-15-403 (West)

# Nebraska:

## **Public Records**

(7) . . . Upon application by the prosecuting attorney or defense counsel, the court may order that addresses, telephone numbers, and other contact information for victims or witnesses named in the [presentence] report, evaluation, or examination be redacted upon a showing by a preponderance of the evidence that such redaction is warranted in the interests of public safety.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 29-2261 (West)



The name of any victim of a sexual assault appearing in information or records of the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee when the victim is applying for compensation under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act shall not be made public.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1842 (West)

(8) The victim's address and telephone number maintained by the Department of Correctional Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, the county corrections agency, or the Board of Parole pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be exempt from disclosure under public records laws and federal freedom of information laws, as such laws existed on January 1, 2004.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1850 (West)

(2) The identity of any victim of a sex offense shall not be released. Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 29-4009 (West)

#### **Court Records**

(1) Victims as defined in section 29-119 shall have the following rights:

. . .

(h) To have any personal identifying information, other than the victim's name, not be disclosed on pleadings and documents filed in criminal actions that may be available to the public. The Supreme Court shall adopt and promulgate rules to implement this subdivision.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1848 (West)

The following privacy rules shall apply to all pleadings and documents filed in all criminal actions in the county courts of Nebraska.

. . .

(C) Victim Information. Personal identifying information, other than a victim's name, shall be prevented from being disclosed on pleadings and documents filed in criminal actions that may be available to the public.

NE R CT § 6-1466

The following privacy rules shall apply to all pleadings and documents filed in all criminal actions in the district courts of Nebraska.

. . .

(C) Victim Information. Personal identifying information, other than a victim's name, shall be prevented from being disclosed on pleadings and documents filed in criminal actions that may be available to the public.

NE R CT § 6-1524

## Nevada:

## **Public Records**

- 5. If a person is charged with a violation of this section, any image of the private area of a victim that is contained within:
- (a) Court records;
- (b) Intelligence or investigative data, reports of crime or incidents of criminal activity or other information;
- (c) Records of criminal history, as that term is defined in NRS 179A.070; and
- (d) Records in the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History,
- is confidential and, except as otherwise provided in subsections 6 and 7, must not be inspected by or released to the general public.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.604 (West)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any information which is contained in:



- (a) Court records, including testimony from witnesses;
- (b) Intelligence or investigative data, reports of crime or incidents of criminal activity or other information:
- (c) Records of criminal history, as that term is defined in NRS 179A.070; and
- (d) Records in the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, that reveals the identity of a victim of a sexual offense, an offense involving a pupil or child or sex trafficking is confidential, including but not limited to the victim's photograph, likeness, name, address or telephone number.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.3771 (West)

1. A victim of a sexual offense, an offense involving a pupil or child or sex trafficking may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name on all files, records and documents pertaining to the sexual offense, offense involving a pupil or child or sex trafficking, including, without limitation, criminal intelligence and investigative reports, court records and media releases.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.3772 (West)

- 1. A public officer or employee who has access to any records, files or other documents which include the photograph, likeness, name, address, telephone number or other fact or information that reveals the identity of a victim of a sexual offense, an offense involving a pupil or child or sex trafficking shall not intentionally or knowingly disclose the identifying information to any person other than:
- (a) The defendant or the defendant's attorney;
- (b) A person who is directly involved in the investigation, prosecution or defense of the case;
- (c) A person specifically named in a court order issued pursuant to NRS 200.3771; or
- (d) A nonprofit organization or public agency approved to receive the information pursuant to NRS 200.3771.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.3773 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim or relative and which is received by the prosecutor pursuant to this subsection is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 176.015 (West)

5. All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the Administrator [of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services] or the Administrator's designee pursuant to this section is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.4715 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the Division [of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety] pursuant to this subsection is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 176A.630 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim, relative, witness or other person and which is received pursuant to the provisions of NRS 178.569 to 178.5698, inclusive, is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.5691 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this subsection is confidential.



Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.392 (West)

4. All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the Director [of the Department] pursuant to this section is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.521 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this subsection is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 209.3925 (West)

All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the [State Board of Pardons Commissioners] pursuant to this subsection is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.010 (West)

2. Each victim of the person applying for clemency a copy of the notice of the application, if the victim so requests in writing and provides his or her current address. . . . All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the district attorney pursuant to this subsection is confidential. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.040 (West)

If the [State Board of Pardons Commissioners] remits a fine or forfeiture, commutes a sentence or grants a pardon, it shall give written notice of its action to the victim of the person granted clemency, if the victim so requests in writing and provides his or her current address. . . . All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the [State Board of Pardons Commissioners] pursuant to this section is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.095 (West)

8. All personal information, including, but not limited to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which is received by the [State Board of Parole Commissioners] pursuant to this section is confidential.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.131 (West)

1. Information in the statewide registry, including information in the community notification website, that is accessed or disclosed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter must not reveal the name of an individual victim of an offense.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 179B.300 (West)

1. Information that is disclosed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter must not reveal the name of an individual victim of an offense.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 179D.850 (West)

## **Court Records**

1. In any prosecution for sexual assault, the district attorney may, by written motion upon reasonable prior notice to the accused, move to exclude evidence of the victim's address and telephone number. The court may order that such evidence be excluded from the proceedings if the court finds that the probative value of the evidence is outweighed by the creation of substantial danger to the victim.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 48.071 (West)



## **New Hampshire:**

## **Public Records**

II. To the extent that they can be reasonably guaranteed by the courts and by law enforcement and correctional authorities, and are not inconsistent with the constitutional or statutory rights of the accused, crime victims are entitled to the following rights:

. . .

(m) The right of confidentiality of the victim's address, place of employment, and other personal information.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k

The files maintained by the department [of health and human services] which relate to investigations of alleged instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation shall be disclosed only with the written consent of the victim, or his guardian or attorney, or if such disclosure is required by court or administrative order.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 161-F:57

V. In any investigation or prosecution for an offense under this section, the identity of the victim and the victim's family, and images of the victim and the victim's family, shall be confidential except to the extent disclosure is necessary for the purpose of investigation, prosecution, or provision of services and benefits to the victim and the victim's family, or if disclosure is required by a court order.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 633:7

V. At periodic intervals, not less frequently than once each month, the commissioner of the department of corrections, the superintendent of each county department of corrections, and the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall forward to the division a statement identifying every sexual offender and offender against children . . . . In no event shall the statements include the identity of any victim.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 651-B:4

III. (a) The division shall maintain a separate public list of all tier I, tier II, and tier III [sex] offenders . . . .

. . .

- (c) The public list shall not include:
- (1) The identity of any victim either directly or indirectly. Sexual offenders convicted under RSA 632-A:2 shall be listed on the public list in a manner which does not disclose, directly or indirectly, that the victim and the defendant were related or members of the same household. For sexual offenders convicted under RSA 632-A:2, I, no specific reference to any statutory subparagraph shall appear on the public list.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 651-B:7

Under no circumstances should the victim's address and telephone number be part of the public record, except by order of the court for good cause shown. Access to this information shall be provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The victim shall be notified that this information will be released to the applicable law enforcement agency.

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## **Court Records**

II. . . . [V]ictim impact statements that have been submitted to the court or admitted into evidence under this chapter shall be part of the record but shall be sealed and may be opened only pursuant to a court order.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 135-E:15

#### **New Jersey:**

## **Public Records**



- f. (1) The name, address, and identity of a victim or a defendant shall not appear on the complaint or any other public record as defined in P.L.1963, c. 73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.). In their place initials or a fictitious name shall appear.
- (2) Any report, statement, photograph, court document, complaint or any other public record which states the name, address and identity of a victim shall be confidential and unavailable to the public.
- (3) The information described in this subsection shall remain confidential and unavailable to the public unless the victim consents to the disclosure or if the court, after a hearing, determines that good cause exists for the disclosure. The hearing shall be held after notice has been made to the victim and to the defendant and the defendant's counsel.
- (4) Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the court from imposing further restrictions with regard to the disclosure of the name, address, and identity of the victim when it deems it necessary to prevent trauma or stigma to the victim.

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2A:61B-1 (West)

A government record shall not include the following information which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963, c. 73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented:

. . .

victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access to the victim's own records; N.J. Stat. Ann. § 47:1A-1.1 (West)

e. Records maintained by the [Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board] and proceedings by the board or a board member based thereon regarding a claim submitted by a victim or a claimant shall be deemed confidential.

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-68 (West)

#### **Court Records**

The following court records are excluded from public access:

. . .

(c) Records of Criminal and Municipal Court Proceedings.

. . .

(6) Victim statements unless placed on the record at a public proceeding;

. . .

(9) Records relating to child victims of sexual assault or abuse pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:82-46;

. . .

(12) Names and addresses of victims or alleged victims of domestic violence or sexual offenses; N.J. Ct. R. 1:38-3

# **New Mexico:**

## **Public Records**

A. Discretion of the court. . . .

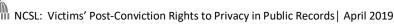
. . .

(2) The court has sole and plenary discretion to exclude [media] coverage of certain witnesses, including but not limited to the victims of sex crimes and their families . . . NM R S CT Rule 23-107

## **New York:**

## **Public Records**

(d) To the extent possible, sensitive material, even if it is not subject to a statutory proscription against publication, shall be omitted or redacted from public documents. Information of this type includes, but is not limited to: social security, taxpayer identification or financial account numbers: full dates of birth: exact street addresses: e-mail addresses: telephone numbers: names of minor children: names of children's schools: names of employers: or other



information that would identify a person whose identity should not be revealed (e.g., a victim of a sex crime).

N.Y. Ct. R. 500.5 (McKinney)

7. . . .

(b) . . .

(vi) Records maintained by the office and proceedings by the [Office of Victim Services] based thereon regarding a claim submitted by a victim or a claimant shall be deemed confidential, subject to the exceptions that appear in subdivision one of section six hundred thirty-three of this article.

N.Y. Exec. Law § 632-a (McKinney)

#### **Court Records**

(e) No coverage shall be permitted of the victim in a prosecution for rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, or other sex offense under article one hundred thirty or section 255.25 of the Penal Law; notwithstanding the initial approval of a request for audio-visual coverage of such a proceeding, the presiding trial judge shall have discretion throughout the proceeding to limit any coverage that would identify the victim.

N.Y. Ct. R. 131.7 (McKinney)

#### **North Carolina:**

#### **Public Records**

(b) . . .

(3) Whenever the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission will be considering for parole a prisoner serving a sentence of life imprisonment the Commission must notify . . .

- f. As many newspapers of general circulation and other media in the county where the defendant was convicted and if different, in the county where the prisoner was charged, as reasonable...
- ... The Parole Commission shall not, however, include the name of any victim in its notification to the newspapers and other media.

N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-1371

- (b) All medical information relating to the mental, physical, or emotional condition of a victim ... and all law enforcement records and information and any juvenile records shall be held confidential by the Commission and Director. All personal information, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2725(3), of victims . . . and all information concerning the disposition of claims for compensation, except for the total amount awarded a victim . . . , shall be held confidential by the Commission and Director. Except for information held confidential under this subsection, the records of the Division shall be open to public inspection.
- (b) Any person may obtain a copy of an individual's registration form, a part of the county registry, or all of the county registry, by submitting a written request for the information to the sheriff. However, the identity of the victim of an offense that requires registration under this Article shall not be released.

N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 14-208.10

N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15B-8.1

(a) The information in the statewide registry that is public record is the same as in G.S. 14-208.10. The Department of Public Safety shall release any other relevant information that is necessary to protect the public concerning a specific person, but shall not release the identity of the victim of the offense that required registration under this Article.



N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 14-208.15

#### **Court Records**

(b) Coverage Allowed. Electronic media and still photography coverage of public judicial proceedings shall be allowed in the appellate and trial courts of this state, subject to the conditions below.

(3) Coverage of the following categories of witnesses is expressly prohibited: . . . victims and families of victims of sex crimes.

N.C. Super. Ct. & Dist. Ct. R. 15

# 911 Recordings

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and unless otherwise prohibited by law, the following information shall be public records within the meaning of G.S. 132-1.

(4) The contents of "911" and other emergency telephone calls received by or on behalf of public law enforcement agencies, except for such contents that reveal the natural voice, name, address, telephone number, or other information that may identify the . . . victim . . . .

N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 132-1.4

## **North Dakota:**

## **Constitutional**

1. To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to justice, to ensure crime victims a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, and to ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to criminal defendants and delinquent children, all victims shall be entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of their victimization:

- e. The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information about the victim, and to be notified of any request for such information or records.
- f. The right to privacy, which includes the right to refuse an interview, deposition, or other discovery request made by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any person acting on behalf of defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interaction to which the victim consents. Nothing in this section shall abrogate a defendant's sixth amendment rights under the Constitution of the United States nor diminish the state's disclosure obligations to a defendant.

N.D. Const. art. I, § 25

## **Public Records**

- 1. . . . A victim has the right to:
- a. Prevent the disclosure of confidential or privileged information about the victim or the victim's family; and
- b. Be notified of any request for identifying information or confidential or privileged information about the victim or victim's family.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 12.1-34-02 (West)

In an investigation of or a prosecution for an offense under this chapter, a law enforcement agency and state's attorney shall keep confidential the identity, pictures, and images of the alleged victim and the family of the alleged victim . . . .

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 12.1-41-10 (West)



8. Crime scene images of a victim of a homicide or sex crime or any image of a minor victim of any crime is an exempt record as defined in subsection 5 of section 44-04-17.1.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 44-04-18.7 (West)

The address, telephone number, or any identifying information that, if released, could reasonably be used to locate or identify a victim or alleged victim of domestic violence, of a sex offense under chapter 12.1-20, of sexual performances by a child under chapter 12.1-27.2, or of human trafficking under chapter 12.1-41, contained in any record maintained by a criminal justice agency as defined by section 44-04-18.7 or correctional facility as defined by section 12-44.1-01 is exempt.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 44-04-18.20 (West)

#### **Court Records**

Section 5. Court Records Excluded From Public Access. The following information in a court record is not accessible to the public:

. . .

(b) information that is not accessible to the public under state law, court rule, case law or court order, including:

. . .

(13) . . . crime victim contact information gathered and recorded by the court for administrative purposes, including telephone numbers and e-mail, street and postal addresses;

. .

Section 6. Requests to Prohibit Public Access to Information in Court Records or to Obtain Access to Restricted Information.

(a) Request to Prohibit Access.

. .

(6) If a victim requests, all victim contact information in a criminal court record must be redacted;

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## **Prosecution Records**

(f) Demands for Production of Names, Addresses, and Statements of Witnesses; Statements of Codefendants; Statements of Other Persons.

. . .

A prosecutor may not disclose victim contact information, including the address of a victim, if the victim has requested nondisclosure.

N.D. R. Crim. P. 16

#### Ohio:

#### **Public Records**

(A) As used in this section:

(1) . . . "Public record" does not mean any of the following:

- (ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or printed or digital image under either of the following circumstances:
- (i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity.
- (ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense.
- (jj) Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 149.43 (West)



(A) . . . The written statement of the victim or of the defendant or alleged juvenile offender is confidential and is not a public record as used in section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2930.14 (West)

(D) ...

- (2) Each prosecutor and custodial agency that attempts to give any notice to which division (D)(1) of this section applies shall keep a record of all attempts to give the notice. . . . The record shall be kept in a manner that allows public inspection of attempts and notices given to persons other than victims without revealing the names, addresses, or other identifying information relating to victims. The record of attempts and notices given to victims is not a public record, but the prosecutor or custodial agency shall provide upon request a copy of that record to a prosecuting attorney, judge, law enforcement agency, or member of the general assembly. . . . Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2930.16 (West)
- (C) A victim impact statement prepared under this section shall be kept confidential and is not a public record as defined in section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

  Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2947.051 (West)

(A) . . .

. . .

(4) If a victim makes a request as described in division (A)(3) of this section that specifies that the victim would like to be provided the notices described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section, all information a sheriff obtains regarding the victim from or as a result of the request is confidential, and the information is not a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2950.10 (West)

(G) Information provided to the office of victim services by victims of crime or a victim representative designated under section 2930.02 of the Revised Code for the purpose of program participation, of receiving services, or to communicate acts of an inmate or person under the supervision of the adult parole authority that threaten the safety and security of the victim shall be confidential and is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5120.60 (West)

#### **Court Records**

- (A) If the prosecutor in a case determines that there are reasonable grounds for the victim in a case to be apprehensive regarding acts or threats of violence or intimidation by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender in the case or at the defendant's or alleged juvenile offender's direction against the victim, the victim's family, or the victim's representative, the prosecutor may file a motion with the court requesting that the court issue an order specifying that the victim and other witnesses in the case not be compelled in any phase of the criminal or delinquency proceeding to give testimony that would disclose the victim's or victim's representative's address, place of employment, or similar identifying fact without the victim's or victim's representative's consent. The court shall hold a hearing on the motion in chambers, and a court reporter shall make a record of the proceeding.
- (B) If the court, pursuant to division (A) of this section, orders that the victim's or victim's representative's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other identifying fact shall be confidential, the court files or documents shall not contain that information unless it is used to identify the location of the crime or specified delinquent act. The hearing shall be recorded, and the court shall order the transcript sealed.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2930.07 (West)





Filming, videotaping, recording, or taking photographs of victims or witnesses, who object is not permitted.

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## **Law Enforcement Records**

Upon the request of the victim or offender in a prosecution under any provision of sections 2907.02 to 2907.07 of the Revised Code, the judge before whom any person is brought on a charge of having committed an offense under a provision of one of those sections shall order that the names of the victim and offender and the details of the alleged offense as obtained by any law enforcement officer be suppressed until the preliminary hearing, the accused is arraigned in the court of common pleas, the charge is dismissed, or the case is otherwise concluded, whichever occurs first. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny to either party in the case the name and address of the other party or the details of the alleged offense. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2907.11 (West)

## **Bodycam Footage**

(17) "Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording" means any visual or audio portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording that shows, communicates, or discloses any of the following:

. . .

(j) Information that could identify the alleged victim of a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence:

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 149.43 (West)

### Oklahoma:

## **Public Records**

G. All records and information given to the Board to process a claim on behalf of a crime victim shall be confidential. Such exhibits, medical records, psychological records, counseling records, work records, criminal investigation records, criminal court case records, witness statements, telephone records, and other records of any type or nature whatsoever gathered for the purpose of evaluating whether to compensate a victim shall not be obtainable by any party to any civil or criminal action through any discovery process . . . .

Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142.9 (West)

The court, upon the request of a victim, witness, or the district attorney, may order that the residential address, telephone number, place of employment, or other personal information of the victim or witness shall not be disclosed in any law enforcement record or any court document, other than the transcript of a court proceeding, if it is determined by the court to be necessary to protect the victim, witness, or immediate family of the victim or witness from harassment or physical harm and if the court determines that the information is immaterial to the defense.

Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-9 (West)

## **Bodycam Footage**

A. Law enforcement agencies shall make available for public inspection and copying, if kept, the following records:

. .

10. a. Audio and video recordings from recording equipment attached to the person of a law enforcement officer . . . .





- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph a of this paragraph, the law enforcement agency may, before releasing any audio or video recording provided for in this paragraph, redact or obscure specific portions of the recording that:
- (1) depict the death of a person or a dead body, unless the death was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- (2) depict nudity,
- (3) would identify minors under the age of sixteen (16) years or would undermine any requirement to keep certain juvenile records confidential as provided for in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (4) depict acts of severe violence resulting in great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, against persons that are clearly visible, unless the act of severe violence was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- (5) depict great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless the great bodily injury was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- (6) include personal medical information that is not already public,

. . .

(8) identify alleged victims of sex crimes or domestic violence,

. . .

(11) include personal information other than the name or license plate number of a person not officially arrested, cited, charged or issued a written warning. Such personal information shall include any government-issued identification number, date of birth, address or financial information,

Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 51, § 24A.8 (West)

## Oregon:

## **Public Records**

The following public records are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478 unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance:

. . .

(3) Investigatory information compiled for criminal law purposes. The record of an arrest or the report of a crime shall be disclosed unless and only for so long as there is a clear need to delay disclosure in the course of a specific investigation, including the need to protect the complaining party or the victim. . . . For purposes of this subsection, the record of an arrest or the report of a crime includes, but is not limited to:

. . .

- (d) The identity of and biographical information concerning both complaining party and victim; Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 192.345 (West)
- (1) All information submitted to the Department of Justice by an applicant and all hearings of the Workers' Compensation Board under ORS 147.005 to 147.367 shall be open to the public unless the department or board determines that the information shall be kept confidential or that a closed hearing shall be held because:

. .

(b) The offense allegedly perpetrated against the victim is rape, sodomy or sexual abuse and the interests of the victim or of the victim's dependents require that the information be kept confidential or that the public be excluded from the hearing;

. . .

(2) . . .

- (c) Where the interests of justice require, the board may refuse to disclose to the public the names of victims or other material in the record by which the identity of the victim could be discovered.
- Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 147.115 (West)



(2) Except as otherwise limited by subsection (1)(a) of this section regarding persons who are under supervision for the first time as sex offenders, the Department of State Police, a city police department or a county sheriff's office shall release, upon request, any information that may be necessary to protect the public concerning sex offenders required to report under ORS 163A.025 who reside in a specific area or concerning a specific sex offender required to report under ORS 163A.025. However, the entity releasing the information may not release the identity of a victim of a sex crime.

Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 163A.225 (West)

## **Court Records**

(3) Before admitting evidence [of the victim's sexual behavior or sexual predisposition] under this section, the court must conduct an in camera hearing and give the alleged victim and parties a right to attend and be heard. Unless the court orders otherwise, the motion, related materials and the record of the hearing are confidential. A party making a motion under this section shall state in the caption that the motion is confidential.

Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40.211 (West)

(3) . . .

. . .

- (b) The release of any transcript under this subsection may not include:
- (A) The release of any personal identifiers of a victim . . .

. . .

- (9) As used in this section:
- (a) "Personal identifiers" means:

. . .

(B) In relation to a victim, the victim's address, electronic mail address, telephone number, driver license, vehicle registration information, Social Security number, date of birth, any user names or other identifying information associated with the victim's social media accounts and the identifying number of the victim's depository account at a financial institution, as defined in ORS 706.008, or credit card account.

Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 132.270 (West)

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, the following may not be electronically recorded by any person at any time:

. . .

(d) Proceedings involving a sex crime, if the victim has requested that the proceeding not be electronically recorded.

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(2) In the body of a brief on appeal in a criminal, post-conviction, or habeas corpus case or on judicial review of an order of the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision that includes a conviction for an offense, or attempt to commit an offense, compiled in ORS Chapter 163, any references to the victim of the offense must not include the victim's full name.

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# Pennsylvania:

### **Public Records**

(b) Exceptions.--Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the following are exempt from access by a requester under this act:

. . .

(16) A record of an agency relating to or resulting in a criminal investigation, including:



- (v) Victim information, including any information that would jeopardize the safety of the victim. 65 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 67.708 (West)
- (b) Disclosure restricted.--Except as otherwise provided by law, no person who has had access to a report, record or any other information under this [victim compensation] subsection shall disclose the content of such a report, record or other information or testify in a judicial or administrative proceeding without the written consent of the direct victim or intervenor or, if the direct victim or intervenor is deceased, the claimant.

18 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 11.709 (West)

A victim shall provide a valid address and telephone number and any other required information to all agencies responsible for providing information and notice to the victim. The victim shall be responsible for providing timely notice of any changes in the status of the information. The information provided shall not be disclosed to any person other than a law enforcement agency, corrections agency or prosecutor's office without the prior written consent of the victim.

18 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 11.211 (West)

- (f) Records.--Records maintained by the department, the local correctional facility and the board pertaining to victims shall be kept separate. Current address, telephone number and any other personal information of the victim and family members shall be deemed confidential.
- 18 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 11.214 (West)
- (c) Confidentiality.--The identity of . . . victims who participate in the administration of an execution pursuant to this section shall be confidential.
- 61 Pa. Stat. and Cons. Stat. Ann. § 4305 (West)
- (c) Prohibited information.--The public Internet website established under this section shall not contain:
- (1) The identity of any victim.
- 42 Pa. Stat. and Cons. Stat. Ann. § 9799.28 (West)

## **Court Records**

A. Unless required by applicable authority or as provided in Subsection C, the following information is confidential and shall be not included in any document filed with a court or custodian, except on a Confidential Information Form filed contemporaneously with the document:

. . .

6. Abuse victim's address and other contact information, including employer's name, address and work schedule, in family court actions as defined by Pa.R.C.P. No. 1931(a), except for victim's name.

PA ST PUBLIC ACCESS § 7.0

A. The following information shall not be remotely accessible by the public:

. . .

2. In criminal cases, information that either specifically identifies or from which the identity of . . . victims could be ascertained, including names, addresses and phone numbers; PA ST PUBLIC ACCESS § 10.0

## **Law Enforcement Records**

(a) Determination.--Except as provided in this section, if a law enforcement agency determines that an audio recording or video recording contains . . . victim information and the reasonable redaction of the audio or video recording would not safeguard . . . victim information, the law enforcement agency shall deny the request in writing.





42 Pa. Stat. and Cons. Stat. Ann. § 67A04 (West)

#### **Rhode Island:**

#### **Public Records**

Any records of the department or other agency pertaining to a person reported to be abused, neglected, exploited or self-neglecting shall be confidential. The records shall not be deemed public and shall be considered records under § 38-2-2(4)(i). The director may, however, disclose to the attorney general, any local state; or federal police officials, appropriate courts, state departments, public or private agencies, or medical personnel, pertinent information that is necessary to investigate reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect, the coordination of needed services, the protection of the elderly victim or criminal prosecution. 42 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 42-66-10 (West)

#### **Law Enforcement Records**

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 38-2-3(e), the following information reflecting an initial arrest of an adult and charge or charges shall be made available within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of a request unless a request is made on a weekend or holiday, in which event the information shall be made available within seventy-two (72) hours, to the extent such information is known by the public body:
- (1) Full name of the arrested adult;
- (2) Home address of the arrested adult, unless doing so would identify a crime victim;
- 38 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 38-2-3.2 (West)

## **South Carolina:**

**Court Records**Psychological reports, drug and alcohol reports, treatment records, reports of the diagnostic center, medical records, or victim impact statements which have been submitted to the court or admitted into evidence under this chapter must be part of the record, but must be sealed and opened only on order of the court.

S.C. Code Ann. § 44-48-150

## **Prosecution Records**

- (A) Victims of trafficking in persons pursuant to this article are considered victims for purposes of the Victims' Bill of Rights and are entitled to all appropriate forms of compensation available pursuant to the South Carolina Victim Compensation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, Chapter 3, Title 16. Victims of trafficking in persons pursuant to this article also are entitled to the rights provided in Article 15, Chapter 3, Title 16.
- (B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), in a prosecution for violations of the criminal provisions of this article, the identity of the victim and the victim's family must be kept confidential by ensuring that names and identifying information of the victim and victim's family are not released to the public, including by the defendant.
- (C) Pursuant to Section 16-3-1240, it is unlawful, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of the victim compensation fund, for any person to solicit, disclose, receive, or make use of or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use of any list, or names of, or information concerning persons applying for or receiving awards without the written consent of the applicant or recipient. The records, papers, files, and communications of the board, its panel and the director and his staff must be regarded as confidential information and privileged and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act as contained in Chapter 4, Title 30.

S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-2070

## **Bodycam Footage**





(G)(1) Data recorded by a body-worn camera is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

S.C. Code Ann. § 23-1-240

# 911 Recordings

(a) A public body may but is not required to exempt from disclosure the following information: (2) Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy. Information of a personal nature shall include, but not be limited to, information as to gross receipts contained in applications for business licenses, information relating to public records which include the name, address, and telephone number or other such information of an individual or individuals who are handicapped or disabled when the information is requested for person-to-person commercial solicitation of handicapped persons solely by virtue of their handicap, and any audio recording of the final statements of a dying victim in a call to 911 emergency services. Any audio of the victim's statements must be redacted prior to the release of the recording unless the privacy interest is waived by the victim's next of kin. This provision must not be interpreted to restrict access by the public and press to information contained in public records.

S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40

## **South Dakota:**

#### Constitutional

A victim shall have the following rights:

. . .

- 5. The right, upon request, to prevent the disclosure to the public, or the defendant or anyone acting on behalf of the defendant in the criminal case, of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information about the victim, and to be notified of any request for such information or records. This does not limit law enforcement from sharing information with the public for the purposes of enlisting the public's help in solving a crime;
- 6. The right, upon request, to privacy, which includes the right to refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interaction to which the victim consents;

S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29

#### **Public Records**

No person, other than in the performance of official duties, may disclose the identity and biographical information concerning a victim of a crime of violence or of a violation of § 22-22-7 until reasonable efforts have been made to provide notice to one of the immediate family. S.D. Codified Laws § 23A-28C-9

## **Court Records**

Sex Offender Registry

Any registration record collected by local law enforcement agencies pursuant to this chapter, registration lists provided to local law enforcement by the Division of Criminal Investigation, and records collected by institutions pursuant to § 22-24B-13 for those persons required to register under the provisions of §§ 22-24B-1 to 22-24B-14, inclusive, is a public record as provided in chapter 1-27.

Nothing in this section permits the release of the name or any identifying information regarding the victim of the crime to any person other than law enforcement agencies, and such victim identifying information is confidential.





## S.D. Codified Laws § 22-24B-15

#### Tennessee:

#### **Public Records**

- (d)(1) Any identifying information concerning a crime victim or a crime victim's representative who has been notified or requested that notification be provided to the victim or the victim's representative pursuant to this section shall be confidential.
- (2) For purposes of subdivision (d)(1), "identifying information" means the name, home and work addresses, telephone numbers and social security number of the person being notified or requesting that notification be provided.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-21-240 (West)

- (h)(1) Any identifying information concerning a crime victim or a crime victim's representative who has been notified or requested that notification be provided to the victim or the victim's representative pursuant to this section shall be confidential.
- (2) For purposes of subdivision (h)(1), "identifying information" means the name, home and work addresses, telephone numbers and social security number of the person being notified or requesting that notification be provided.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-28-505 (West)

- (d)(1) Any identifying information concerning a crime victim received pursuant to this section shall be confidential.
- (2) For purposes of subdivision (d)(1), "identifying information" means the name, home and work addresses, telephone numbers and social security number.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-110 (West)

## Part 6. Home Address Confidentiality Program

- (a) The secretary of state shall establish a crime victim address confidentiality program, which shall be open to a victim of domestic abuse, stalking, human trafficking, rape, sexual battery, or any other sexual offense who satisfies the requirements of this part, at no cost to the program participant.
- (b) This program shall provide the participant with the use of a substitute address for the participant and the participant's minor children and shall not disclose the participant's name, confidential address, phone number, or any other information contained within the program participant's file except as otherwise provided by this part.
- (c) Whenever a program participant is required by law to swear to or affirm the participant's address, the participant may use the participant's substitute address. Wherever a program participant is required by law to establish residency, the participant may present evidence of program participation and use the participant's substitute address. Where residency must be verified in order to establish eligibility for public benefits, the governmental entity requiring verification shall submit a written request to the secretary of state, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, whereby the secretary of state shall provide the governmental entity with a statement as to whether the program participant, or the program participant's minor child, or a person with a disability on whose behalf the person is applying, is eligible for benefits, based on the information known to the secretary of state.
- (d) The substitute address shall not be used:
- (1) For purposes of listing, appraising, or assessing property taxes and collecting property taxes; or
- (2) On any document related to real property recorded with a county clerk and recorder.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other applicable law, the substitute address may be used for motor vehicle records and may be printed on a person's driver or photo identification license.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-602 (West)



#### **Texas:**

#### **Public Records**

Chapter 57D. Confidentiality of Identifying Information of Victims of Trafficking of Persons

- (a) The office of the attorney general shall develop and distribute to all law enforcement agencies of the state a pseudonym form to record the name, address, telephone number, and pseudonym of a victim.
- (b) A victim may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name to designate the victim in all public files and records concerning the offense, including police summary reports, press releases, and records of judicial proceedings. A victim who elects to use a pseudonym as provided by this article must complete a pseudonym form developed under this article and return the form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense.
- (c) A victim who completes and returns a pseudonym form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense may not be required to disclose the victim's name, address, and telephone number in connection with the investigation or prosecution of the offense.
- (d) A completed and returned pseudonym form is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than a defendant in the case or the defendant's attorney, except on an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The court finding required by Subsection (g) is not required to disclose the confidential pseudonym form to the defendant in the case or to the defendant's attorney.
- (e) If a victim completes and returns a pseudonym form to a law enforcement agency under this article, the law enforcement agency receiving the form shall:
- (1) remove the victim's name and substitute the pseudonym for the name on all reports, files, and records in the agency's possession;
- (2) notify the attorney for the state of the pseudonym and that the victim has elected to be designated by the pseudonym; and
- (3) maintain the form in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the information contained on the form.
- (f) An attorney for the state who receives notice that a victim has elected to be designated by a pseudonym shall ensure that the victim is designated by the pseudonym in all legal proceedings concerning the offense.
- (g) A court of competent jurisdiction may order the disclosure of a victim's name, address, and telephone number only if the court finds that the information is essential in the trial of the defendant for the offense or the identity of the victim is in issue.

Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. § 57D.02 (West)

Chapter 57B. Confidentiality of Identifying Information of Family Violence Victims

- (a) The office of the attorney general shall develop and distribute to all law enforcement agencies of the state a pseudonym form to record the name, address, telephone number, and pseudonym of a victim.
- (b) A victim may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name to designate the victim in all public files and records concerning the offense, including police summary reports, press releases, and records of judicial proceedings. A victim who elects to use a pseudonym as provided by this article must complete a pseudonym form developed under this article and return the form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense.
- (c) A victim who completes and returns a pseudonym form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense may not be required to disclose the victim's name, address, and telephone number in connection with the investigation or prosecution of the offense.
- (d) A completed and returned pseudonym form is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than a defendant in the case or the defendant's attorney, except on an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The court finding required by Subsection (g) is not required to disclose the confidential pseudonym form to the defendant in the case or to the defendant's attorney.
- (e) If a victim completes and returns a pseudonym form to a law enforcement agency under this article, the law enforcement agency receiving the form shall:



- (1) remove the victim's name and substitute the pseudonym for the name on all reports, files, and records in the agency's possession;
- (2) notify the attorney for the state of the pseudonym and that the victim has elected to be designated by the pseudonym; and
- (3) maintain the form in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the information contained on the form.
- (f) An attorney for the state who receives notice that a victim has elected to be designated by a pseudonym shall ensure that the victim is designated by the pseudonym in all legal proceedings concerning the offense.
- (g) A court of competent jurisdiction may order the disclosure of a victim's name, address, and telephone number only if the court finds that the information is essential in the trial of the defendant for the offense or the identity of the victim is in issue.

Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. § 57B.02 (West)

Chapter 57. Confidentiality of Identifying Information of Sex Offense Victims (Refs & Annos)

- (a) The Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program of the office of the attorney general shall develop and distribute to all law enforcement agencies of the state a pseudonym form to record the name, address, telephone number, and pseudonym of a victim.
- (b) A victim may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name to designate the victim in all public files and records concerning the offense, including police summary reports, press releases, and records of judicial proceedings. A victim who elects to use a pseudonym as provided by this article must complete a pseudonym form developed under this article and return the form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense.
- (c) A victim who completes and returns a pseudonym form to the law enforcement agency investigating the offense may not be required to disclose the victim's name, address, and telephone number in connection with the investigation or prosecution of the offense.
- (d) A completed and returned pseudonym form is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than a defendant in the case or the defendant's attorney, except on an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The court finding required by Subsection (g) of this article is not required to disclose the confidential pseudonym form to the defendant in the case or to the defendant's attorney.
- (e) If a victim completes and returns a pseudonym form to a law enforcement agency under this article, the law enforcement agency receiving the form shall:
- (1) remove the victim's name and substitute the pseudonym for the name on all reports, files, and records in the agency's possession;
- (2) notify the attorney for the state of the pseudonym and that the victim has elected to be designated by the pseudonym; and
- (3) maintain the form in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the information contained on the form.
- (f) An attorney for the state who receives notice that a victim has elected to be designated by a pseudonym shall ensure that the victim is designated by the pseudonym in all legal proceedings concerning the offense.
- (g) A court of competent jurisdiction may order the disclosure of a victim's name, address, and telephone number only if the court finds that the information is essential in the trial of the defendant for the offense or the identity of the victim is in issue.
- (h) Except as required or permitted by other law or by court order, a public servant or other person who has access to or obtains the name, address, telephone number, or other identifying information of a victim younger than 17 years of age may not release or disclose the identifying information to any person who is not assisting in the investigation, prosecution, or defense of the case. This subsection does not apply to the release or disclosure of a victim's identifying information by:
- (1) the victim; or



(2) the victim's parent, conservator, or guardian, unless the parent, conservator, or guardian is a defendant in the case.

Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. § 57.02 (West)

Subchapter C. Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Family Violence, Sexual Assault or Abuse, Stalking, or Trafficking of Persons

- (a) The attorney general shall establish an address confidentiality program, as provided by this subchapter, to assist a victim of family violence, sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons in maintaining a confidential address.
- (b) The attorney general shall:
- (1) designate a substitute post office box address that a participant may use in place of the participant's true residential, business, or school address;
- (2) act as agent to receive service of process and mail on behalf of the participant; and
- (3) forward to the participant mail received by the office of the attorney general on behalf of the participant.
- (c) A summons, writ, notice, demand, or process may be served on the attorney general on behalf of the participant by delivery of two copies of the document to the office of the attorney general. The attorney general shall retain a copy of the summons, writ, notice, demand, or process and forward the original to the participant not later than the third day after the date of service on the attorney general.
- (d) The attorney general shall make and retain a copy of the envelope in which certified mail is received on behalf of the participant.

Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. § 56.82 (West)

### **Court Records**

As far as reasonably practical, the address of the victim may not be a part of the court file except as necessary to identify the place of the crime. The phone number of the victim may not be a part of the court file.

Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. § 56.09 (West)

In this section:

- (1) "Crime victim" means a person who is a victim as defined by Article 56.32, Code of Criminal Procedure.
- (2) "Victim impact statement" means a victim impact statement under Article 56.03, Code of Criminal Procedure.
- (b) The following information that is held by a governmental body or filed with a court and that is contained in a victim impact statement or was submitted for purposes of preparing a victim impact statement is confidential:
- (1) the name, social security number, address, and telephone number of a crime victim; and
- (2) any other information the disclosure of which would identify or tend to identify the crime victim.

Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 552.1325 (West)

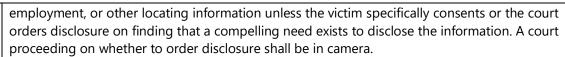
## **Utah:**

## **Court Records**

(2) Public Court Records. Public court records include but are not limited to:

(2)(M) name, business address, business telephone number, and business email address of an adult person or business entity other than a party or a victim or witness of a crime; UT R J ADMIN Rule 4-202.02

(1) The victim of a crime has the right, at any court proceeding, including any juvenile court proceeding, not to testify regarding the victim's address, telephone number, place of



Utah Code Ann. § 77-38-6 (West)

#### **Prosecution Records and Law Enforcement Records**

(11)(a) A victim's address, telephone number, and victim impact statement maintained by a peace officer, prosecuting agency, Youth Parole Authority, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Department of Corrections, and Board of Pardons and Parole, for purposes of providing notice under this section, is classified as protected as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305(10). Utah Code Ann. § 77-38-3 (West)

## **Vermont:**

#### **Public Records**

(a) Victims, other than victims of acts of delinquency, and affected persons shall have the right to request notification by the agency having custody of the defendant before the defendant is released, including a release on bail or conditions of release, furlough or other community program, upon termination or discharge from probation, or whenever the defendant escapes, is recaptured, dies, or receives a pardon or commutation of sentence. . . . Any address or telephone number so provided shall be kept confidential

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5305 (West)

When responding to a request for public records, or on any State website or State payment report, the State of Vermont shall not disclose to the public the name or any other identifying information, including the town of residence or the type or purpose of the payment, of an applicant to the Victims Compensation Program, a victim named in a restitution judgment order, or a recipient of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors' Transitional Employment Program.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5322 (West)

(d) An offender's street address shall not be posted electronically. The identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration shall not be released.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5411a (West)

## **Court Records**

A witness testifying in a criminal proceeding, including any discovery proceedings, shall not be compelled to disclose the victim's residential address or place of employment on the record unless the court finds, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that nondisclosure of the information will prejudice the defendant.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5310 (West)

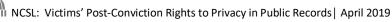
# Virginia:

## **Public Records**

Chapter 37. Virginia Freedom of Information Act

The following information contained in a public record is excluded from the mandatory disclosure provisions of this chapter but may be disclosed by the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law. Redaction of information excluded under this section from a public record shall be conducted in accordance with § 2.2-3704.01.

- 1. Confidential information, including victim identity, provided to or obtained by staff in a rape crisis center or a program for battered spouses.
- 5. Information concerning the mental health assessment of an individual subject to commitment as a sexually violent predator under Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title



37.2 held by the Commitment Review Committee; except that in no case shall information identifying the victims of a sexually violent predator be disclosed.

Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3705.2 (West)

## Chapter 21.1. Compensating Victims of Crime

Except as provided in § 19.2-368.6 concerning juvenile claimants or victims, the record of any proceedings under this chapter shall be a public record; provided, however, that any record or report obtained by the Commission, the confidentiality of which is protected by any other law or regulation, shall remain confidential, subject to such law or regulation

Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-368.14 (West)

#### **Court Records**

E. At the time of sentencing, the court shall enter the amount of restitution to be repaid by the defendant, the date by which all restitution is to be paid, the terms and conditions of such repayment, and the victim's name and contact information, including the victim's home address, telephone number, and email address, on a form prescribed by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. If the attorney for the Commonwealth participated in the prosecution of the defendant, the attorney for the Commonwealth or his designee shall complete, to the extent possible, all portions of the form excluding the amount of restitution to be repaid by the defendant and the terms and conditions of such repayment. If the attorney for the Commonwealth did not participate in the prosecution of the defendant, the court or the clerk shall complete the form. A copy of the form, excluding contact information for the victim, shall be provided to the defendant at sentencing. A copy of the form shall be provided to the attorney for the Commonwealth and to the victim, his agent, or his estate upon request and free of charge. Except as provided in this section or otherwise required by law, the victim's contact information shall be confidential, and the clerk shall not disclose such confidential information to any person.

Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-305.1 (West)

# Washington:

#### **Public Records**

The following investigative, law enforcement, and crime victim information is exempt from public inspection and copying under this chapter:

- (1) Specific intelligence information and specific investigative records compiled by investigative, law enforcement, and penology agencies, and state agencies vested with the responsibility to discipline members of any profession, the nondisclosure of which is essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any person's right to privacy;
- (2) Information revealing the identity of persons who are witnesses to or victims of crime or who file complaints with investigative, law enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the commission, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical safety, or property. If at the time a complaint is filed the complainant, victim, or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or nondisclosure, such desire shall govern. However, all complaints filed with the commission about any elected official or candidate for public office must be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath;
- (3) Any records of investigative reports prepared by any state, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agency pertaining to sex offenses contained in chapter 9A.44 RCW or sexually violent offenses as defined in RCW 71.09.020, which have been transferred to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs for permanent electronic retention and retrieval pursuant to RCW 40.14.070(2)(b);

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 42.56.240 (West)

## **Bodycam Footage**



The following investigative, law enforcement, and crime victim information is exempt from public inspection and copying under this chapter:

- (14) Body worn camera recordings to the extent nondisclosure is essential for the protection of any person's right to privacy as described in RCW 42.56.050, including, but not limited to, the circumstances enumerated in (a) of this subsection. A law enforcement or corrections agency shall not disclose a body worn camera recording to the extent the recording is exempt under this subsection.
- (a) Disclosure of a body worn camera recording is presumed to be highly offensive to a reasonable person under RCW 42.56.050 to the extent it depicts:
- (i)(A) Any areas of a medical facility, counseling, or therapeutic program office where:
- (I) A patient is registered to receive treatment, receiving treatment, waiting for treatment, or being transported in the course of treatment; or
- (II) Health care information is shared with patients, their families, or among the care team; or
- (B) Information that meets the definition of protected health information for purposes of the health insurance portability and accountability act of 1996 or health care information for purposes of chapter 70.02 RCW;
- (ii) The interior of a place of residence where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy;
- (iii) An intimate image;
- (iv) A minor;
- (v) The body of a deceased person;
- (vi) The identity of or communications from a victim or witness of an incident involving domestic violence as defined in RCW 10.99.020 or sexual assault as defined in RCW 70.125.030, or disclosure of intimate images as defined in RCW 9A.86.010. If at the time of recording the victim or witness indicates a desire for disclosure or nondisclosure of the recorded identity or communications, such desire shall govern; or

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 42.56.240 (West)

## West Virginia:

### **Court Records**

(a) General Rule. In all cases in which relief is sought in the Supreme Court, all pleadings, docket entries, and filings related thereto (hereafter "case records") shall be available for public access unless otherwise provided by law or by a rule of this Court, or unless otherwise ordered by the Court in accordance with this Rule.

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- (e) Personal Identifiers Restricted. In order to protect the identities of juveniles and in order to avoid the unnecessary distribution of personal identifiers, any document filed with the Court other than an appendix must comply with the following standards.
- (1) Initials or a descriptive term must be used instead of a full name in: cases involving juveniles, even if those children have since become adults; cases involving crimes of a sexual nature that require reference to the victim of such crime; abuse and neglect cases; mental hygiene cases; and cases relating to expungements.

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### **Prosecution Records**

a.) Following the sentencing of a person who has been convicted of murder, aggravated robbery, sexual assault in the first or second degree, kidnapping, child abuse resulting in injury, child neglect resulting in injury, arson or a sexual offense against a minor, the prosecuting attorney who prosecuted the offender shall prepare a parole hearing notification form. This form shall contain the following information:



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(6) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the victims of the crime for which the offender was sentenced or the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the immediate family members of each victim of the crime, including, but not limited to, each victim's spouse, father, mother, brothers, sisters and any adult household member residing with the victim. W. Va. Code Ann. § 62-12-23 (West)

## **Law Enforcement Records**

- (1) When a person has been determined to be a sexually violent predator under the terms of section two-a of this article, the State Police shall notify the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the person resides, owns or leases habitable real property that he or she regularly visits, is employed or attends a school or training facility. The prosecuting attorney shall cooperate with the State Police in conducting a community notification program which is to include publication of the offender's name, photograph, place of residence, location of regularly visited habitable real property owned or leased by the offender, county of employment and place at which the offender attends school or a training facility, as well as information concerning the legal rights and obligations of both the offender and the community. Information relating to the victim of an offense requiring registration may not be released to the public except to the extent the prosecuting attorney and the State Police consider it necessary to best educate the public as to the nature of sexual offenses: Provided, That no victim's name may be released in any public notification pursuant to this subsection. W. Va. Code Ann. § 15-12-5 (West)
- 2) The State Police shall maintain and make available to the public at least quarterly the list of all persons who are required to register for life according to the terms of subdivision (2), subsection (a), section four of this article. No information concerning the identity of a victim of an offense requiring registration

W. Va. Code Ann. § 15-12-5 (West)

(a) The information contained in the central abuse registry is confidential, and may not be disclosed except as specifically provided in this section. The criminal identification bureau shall disclose the information described in subdivisions (1) through (3) and subdivision (5), subsection (b), section two of this article to any requester, except that the name of the victim of the act alleged shall not appear on the information disclosed and shall be stricken from any statement filed by an individual. The department of health and human resources shall certify, not later than fifteen days following the effective date of this section, the list of requesters authorized to obtain registry information, and shall inform the criminal identification bureau promptly of subsequent additions and deletions from the list.

W. Va. Code Ann. § 15-2C-4 (West)

## Wisconsin:

## **Public Records**

All court records or portions of records that relate to mailing addresses of victims are not subject to inspection or copying under s. 19.35(1).

Wis. Stat. Ann. § 302.113 (West)

(1v) Rights of victims. Victims of crimes have the following rights:

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	(dr) To not have his or her personal identifiers, as defined in s. 85.103(1) and including an electronic mail address, used or disclosed by a public official, employee, or agency for a purpose that is unrelated to the official responsibilities of the official, employee, or agency. Wis. Stat. Ann. § 950.04 (West)
Wyoming:	Law Enforcement Records
	(a) Prior to the filing of an information or indictment in district court charging a violation of an
	offense under this article, neither the names of the alleged actor or the victim of the charged
	offense nor any other information reasonably likely to disclose the identities of the parties shall
	be released or negligently allowed to be released to the public by any public employee except
	as authorized by the judge with jurisdiction over the criminal charges. The actor's name may
	be released to the public to aid or facilitate an arrest. This subsection shall not apply if release
	of the name or information is necessary to enforce an order for protection against the alleged
	actor.
	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-319 (West)

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