

# Timeline

## Criminal Event

- Right to be Treated with Dignity Montana Constitution article (Mont. Const. art) II § 4
- Right to Privacy Mont. Const. art. II § 10
- Right to Protection §§ 40-15-102; 46-24-202, Montana Code Annotated (2021) (MCA)

## Ongoing Investigation (Pre-Charge)

- Right to Fair Treatment § 46-24-101, MCA
- Limited Right to Information (Private) CCJ § 44-5-303, MCA
- Right to Consult Prosecution § 46-24-104, MCA
- Right to Information (Public) Mont. Const. art. II, § 9 & § 44-5-301, MCA

## Investigation Conclusion

- Right to Information (Private) Expanded Access to CCJ § 44-5-303; 46-24-106(5), MCA
- Right to Disposal/Return of Evidence § 46-24-206, MCA

## Reporting to Law Enforcement

- Right of Nondisclosure of Information re: Victim § 44-5-311, MCA & Mont. Const. art. II § 10
- Right to Know Contact Information of Investigating Officer § 46-24-201, MCA
- Notice of Rights & Remedies for Victims § 46-6-602, MCA
- Right of Weapon Seizure § 46-6-603, MCA

## Ongoing Investigation (Post-Charge)

- Right of a Criminal No Contact Order § 45-5-209, MCA
- Right of Prompt Notice § 46-24-203, MCA
- Right of Imposed Conditions § 46-18-201(4), MCA
- Right of Notification to Employer / Creditor § 46-24-205, MCA
- Right of Written Notice § 46-18-208(6)(b), MCA
- Right to Consult Prosecution § 46-24-104, MCA
- Right to be Heard §§ 46-18-115; 46-24-212; 46-24-206, MCA
- Right to Attend Proceedings § 46-24-106, MCA
- Right to Have a Family Member Attend § 46-24-106, MCA

## Sentencing

- Victim Impact Statement § 46-18-115, MCA
- Restitution §§ 46-18-201; 46-18-241, MCA
- Access to the Pre-Sentence Investigation Report (PSI) § 46-18-113, MCA

## Next Steps

- Right to be Heard by Parole Board § 46-24-212, MCA
- Right to Fair Treatment § 46-24-101, MCA
- Right to Notice & Information Rights cont. (VINE; sexual offender registry)

## Monetary Compensation

- Crime Victim Compensation § 53-9-101, MCA
- Right to Restitution § 46-18-242, MCA

## Safety Planning

Law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys must provide you with information on the services available to protect you from intimidation § 46-24-202, MCA

**If you have questions about what these laws mean for you, it's a good idea to consult an attorney.**

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) provides free legal help to eligible crime victims. The best way to find out if we can help is to apply. You can apply for our services:

- Online at [mtlsa.org](https://mtlsa.org);
- By calling our HelpLine at 1-800-666-6899, Monday through Friday, 9am to 1pm.

For technical assistance please contact Montana Legal Services Association's Crime Victim Group at:

- [cvg@mtlsa.org](mailto:cvg@mtlsa.org) (email)
- [vlnmlsa.youcanbook.me/](https://vlnmlsa.youcanbook.me/) (schedule an appointment)