

Steps After a Crime is Committed

STEP 1: Crime is Reported / Witnessed

Victim Resources are available to direct victim(s) but also to indirect victims, including loved ones of the direct victim (s), witnesses/bystanders, etc.

To Report a Crime, direct or indirect victims can call:

- 911 for emergencies
- 105 non-emergency number
- local police department

To Report a Crime Anonymously: Crime Stoppers

Crime stoppers is an independent charity working to solve and prevent crime. It's a way for people, who for whatever reason may be reluctant to tell Police what they know, to anonymously report information about crime and criminals via an independent third party. You can contact Crime-stoppers anonymously when you know about a crime that has been, or is being committed, you suspect a crime is being planned, or any other activity that you think is illegal.

CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS AT:

☎ 1-800-773-2587

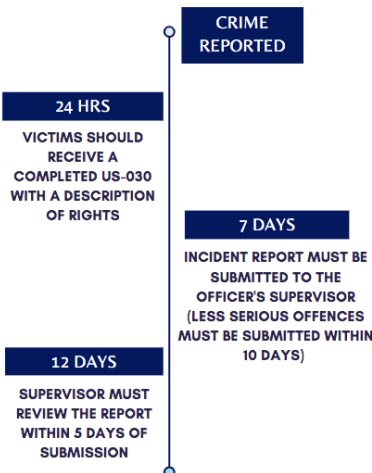
🌐 www.1800speakup.org/

Fill in the secure online [Giving Information Form](#)

Crime-stoppers gives an absolute guarantee that calls cannot be traced. Calls are not recorded and the caller ID number is not able to be viewed in the call center.

STEP 2: Incident is recorded by police department

Michigan Incident Crime Reporting Process



THE ENTIRE REVIEWED REPORT SHOULD BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VICTIM MAKES THE COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE

The incident report can be closed if officers feel that all efforts have been exhausted, but are required to notify victims prior to closing the report. If it is closed, it can be reopened if new information is uncovered.

STEP 3: Police department gathers information from victims and witnesses

Victims have the right to be involved in the case, including the investigation. Victims have the right to ask for updates.

STEP 4: A suspect is brought in for questioning OR arrest is made

STEP 5: An investigation is launched by the police department

- Victims have the right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity throughout all steps
- Victims have a right to privacy during criminal justice proceedings (including protecting address, place of employment, or medical record)

IMPORTANT!

- VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TIMELY DISPOSITION OF THE CASE FOLLOWING ARREST OF THE ACCUSED
- VICTIMS ARE ENTITLED TO PROTECTION FROM THE ACCUSED THROUGHOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

BOND HEARINGS SHOULD OCCUR VERY SOON AFTER AN ARREST. THE JUDGE INVOLVED SHOULD CONSIDER THE SAFETY ISSUES INVOLVED WITH A CRIME WHEN MAKING A DECISION. VICTIMS MAY TALK TO THE PROSECUTOR OR VICTIM ADVOCATE ABOUT SAFETY CONCERNS.

STEP 6: Suspect is formally charged for criminal actions

1. Victims have a right to receive information regarding the criminal justice system. It is the responsibility of the victim to give their current and updated contact information to the prosecutor and local law enforcement's office.

2. Victims has a right to be informed of relevant crucial stages of the criminal proceeding

3. Victims have the right to receive advance notice of judicial and post judicial proceedings related to the case

4. Victim statements may impact whether/which charges are pressed



STEP 7: Initial hearing/arraignment

- Victims may be present during bail hearings
- Victims have a right to make impact statements during each crucial stage in the criminal proceedings

STEP 8: Plea Bargaining

Crime Victim's Right Act

Guarantees a consultation with the prosecutor about the case, including potential plea bargains. The prosecutor is required to consult with the victim before finalizing a plea agreement.

****The crime victim can block a plea agreement.**



STEP 9: Preliminary Hearings

- Victims can give testimony during the preliminary examination
- If the victim does not show up for the preliminary examination, the defense can get a dismissal



STEP 10: Trial

- Victims have the right to be informed of all court proceedings
- The victim may be called as a witness to give testimony (more info at Mchigan.gov)
- The victim has a right to request to confer with the prosecutor before trial a plea deal, or dismissal

STEP 11: Sentencing

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

CONTACT INFORMATION

(517) 373-4467 Local
(877) 866-5401 Toll-Free
(517) 241-0536 Fax

The victim has the right to make a statement at sentencing.

STEP 12: After Sentencing

If a crime results in damage to or loss or destruction of property of a victim of the crime or results in the seizure or impoundment of property of a victim of the crime, the order of restitution shall require that the defendant do 1 or more of the following, as applicable:

- Return the property to the owner or the amount of money worth the property
- If there is bodily injury or harm the court may order up to 3 times the amount of restitution

