

Victims Rights in Idaho

The following rights are afforded victims of crime in Idaho under Idaho Code 19-5306.

1. To have property returned by law enforcement agencies as soon as it is no longer needed as evidence.
2. To be notified of the time of all Court proceedings in the case and the right to be present at those proceedings.
3. To communicate with the prosecutor and be advised of a possible plea agreement by the Prosecuting Attorney prior to entering into a plea agreement in all cases involving crimes of violence or crimes against children.
4. To refuse an interview or other contact by the defendant or by a person acting on behalf of the defendant unless the Court orders otherwise.
5. To express their feelings to the Judge on the affect the crime has had on a victim in a pre-sentence report given to the Judge or directly to the Judge under oath prior to sentencing.
6. To read the pre-sentence report prior to sentencing.
7. To be informed of the outcome of the case against the defendant, including any appeal.
8. To be notified by the Commissions for Pardons and Parole of relevant parole or commutation hearings, and have the opportunity to address the commission, either in person or in writing.
9. To be notified whenever the defendant is released or escapes from custody.