



Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights*

1. You have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.
2. You have the right to a free forensic exam regardless of your decision to report to law enforcement.
3. You have the right to receive emergency, social, and medical services as soon as possible if you choose to report the crime.
4. You have the right to have a victim advocate present when interviewed by law enforcement and/or prosecutors.
5. You have the right to be interviewed in a private setting.
6. You have the right not to be asked or told that you must take a polygraph examination as a condition to an investigation or prosecution.
7. You have the right for your identity to remain confidential to the public.
8. You have the right to reasonable notice and to be present and heard during all critical stages of criminal justice proceedings.
9. You have the right to refuse to be interviewed by the accused or any representative of the accused.
10. You have the right to confer with the prosecution prior to any final conclusions of the case.
11. You have the right to have your personal property returned to you when it is no longer needed as evidence.
12. You have the right to seek restitution if the defendant is found guilty.
13. You have the right to make a written or oral victim impact statement at the defendant's sentencing hearing.
14. You have the right to a speedy and prompt conclusion of the case.
15. You have the right to be notified of the defendant's custody, release, escape, and probation and parole status through the Louisiana Automated Victim Notification System (LAVNS).

* See Generally La. Const. art. I § 25, La. R.S. 46:1842, La. R.S. 46:1844, et seq, 42 U.S.C.A § 3796gg-4(d)(1), La. Admin. Code tit. 22, Part XIII, § 503, 28 CFR 90.2, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3796gg-8, La. R.S. 15:241.