#### **Evidence Preservation**

Do not take any action that might alter or destroy evidence. If officers are responding, wait for them to witness the scene and give you the okay to clean up.

Many pieces of evidence may be digital. Take screenshots of any relevant information for officers. You may also consider taking pictures/videos of anything that may be helpful to the case, such as damages done or injuries sustained (bruising, redness, etc.).

#### Theft & Financial Crimes

Officers will do everything possible to locate perpetrators and hold them accountable. However, crimes concerning Theft and Fraud may be difficult to solve or identify a suspect. Be cautious of how you provide personal information and who you are providing it to. You should also take actions to secure your home and vehicles to prevent becoming a victim of Theft or Fraud. For updates on your case, reach out to a victim advocate.

# <u>Financial Compensation</u> or Restitution

You may qualify for compensation through Crime Victim Reparations (CVR) if the crime has caused you financial burden. Some losses may not be eligible for compensation, such as for property crimes. You can apply for reparations by completing an application by visiting www.crimevictim.utah.gov or by meeting with a victim advocate.

If CVR is not able to assist, there may also be an opportunity to request restitution during the court process if a defendant is charged. You can make this request with the prosecutor on a criminal case.

### **Community Resources**

- Canyon Creek Services 24 hour hotline and emergency shelter (435) 233-5732
- Care and Share Shelter: (435) 586-4962
- Southwest Behavioral Health: (435) 867-7654
  - SMRT (Stabilization and Mobile Response Team): (435) 414-4362
- Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS): (855) 323-3237
- Adult Protective Services: (801) 538-3567
- Utah Domestic Violence Coalition Hotline: (800) 897-5465
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-7233
- Fifth District Court: (435) 867-3250 Iron County Justice Court: (435) 865-5335
- Crime Victims Reparations: (801) 238-2360
- Utah Legal Services: (435) 628-1604 (St. George Office)
- Iron County Housing Authority: (435) 586-8462
- Five County Assoc. of Governments: (435) 586-0585
- Department of Workforce Services: (866) 435-7414
- Family Support Center: (435) 586-0791

#### **Protective Orders**

Advocates are available to assist in providing you with information on what qualifies for a protective order and how to apply. These services are provided for free. Advocates cannot provide legal advice, but may be able to point you to a legal resource, if needed. For more information on protective

For more information on protective orders, visit www.utcourts.gov/abuse.



## **Victim Services**

Deputy:	
Incident:	

Iron County
Sheriff's Office
2132 N. Main St.
Cedar City, UT 84721
Office:
(435) 867-7500

ICSO Victim Advocate: (435) 867-7543 On Call Advocate: 435-867-7544

Dispatch: (435) 586-2955 For Emergencies: 911

# Available Services through Law Enforcement Advocates

- Crisis intervention and support to victims.
- Referrals to supportive agencies, both public and private.
- Assistance with victims compensation benefits.
- Acts as a liaison between the victim and the criminal justice system.
- Information regarding the status of an investigation.
- Support during court proceedings.
- Provides information regarding victim rights.
- Assistance with Protective Orders, Child Protective orders, and Stalking Injunctions.
- Assist victims to establish a foundation of support.

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#### **Victim Rights**

- Victims and witnesses have a right to protection from intimidation and harm.
- Victims and witnesses have a right to be kept informed about their case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system.
- Victims have a right to the speedy return of their property used as evidence.
- Victims have a right to notification about arrest, release of defendants, time and location of legal proceedings, time and location of trials, continuances or delays in trial proceedings, sentencing, and sentencing and parole hearings.
- For additional information about your rights as a victim, please see Utah Code Title 77, Chapter 37 or speak with an advocate.

#### **Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence involves abuse of an intimate partner, family member or any other cohabitant. If you are experiencing Domestic Violence, reach out for help by telling a trusted friend or family member or report it to police. You may also visit with a victim advocate to explore resources available.

If a person is arrested for domestic violence or other qualifying offenses they will be prohibited from having contact with the victim in the case while they are in custody. This will remain in place until the arrestee sees a Judge or the conditions are waived by the victim. This order is only temporary and orders the arrestee to:

- Have no personal contact with the victim
- Not threaten or harass the victim
- Not knowingly enter onto the premises of the victim's residence or any premises temporarily occupied by the victim.

### **Signs of Abuse**

#### • Physical Abuse

Being pushed, shoved, bit, kicked, strangled, punched, slapped, spit on, or a weapon or any other object is being used to hurt you.

#### Emotional Abuse

Someone withholds approval, appreciation, or affection as punishment, drives away and isolates you from family and friends, humiliates you in public or private, controls all money, threatens to kidnap the children, threatens to hurt or kill you, your family, or him/herself if you leave.

#### Sexual Abuse

Someone forces or manipulates you to have sex, makes you do something sexual that you don't want to do, intimately touches you when you don't want to be touched, forces you to watch pornography or sex acts, or humiliates you through sex.

