



## Your voice matters.

We are Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, a volunteer-powered network of committed people-from all walks of life-who believe society has a fundamental obligation to serve children like you.

If you ever have any questions about your rights, please reach out to your CASA volunteer.

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## Mesa County Directory

Mesa County Sheriff's Office (970) 244-3500  
Victim Advocate (970) 244-3275

Grand Junction PD (970) 549-5000  
Victim Advocate (970) 549-5290

Fruita Police Department (970) 858-3008

Palisade Police Department (970) 464-5601

Colorado State Patrol (970) 858-2250  
Victim Advocate (970) 261-9619

District Attorney (970) 244-1730  
Victim Advocate (970) 244-1730

Probation Department (970) 257-3600  
Victim Advocate (970) 257-3611

Mesa County-Combined Cts. (970) 257-3640

## Victim Witness

A Victim/Witness Assistant can give you information about the court system. Some of the available services are:

- ✓ Crime Victim Compensation Program
- ✓ Victim/Witness waiting room
- ✓ Information as to the status of your case
- ✓ Referrals to other services which may be of help to you

# CASA of Mesa County

Your Constitutional Rights as a Victim of a Violent Crime.





## Who is a Victim?

### Child abuse is a crime covered by the Victims Right's Act.

The constitution of the State of Colorado and the laws of the state guarantee certain rights to victims of crimes of the Victim's Rights Act. C.R.S. 24-4.1-302 (1)

## Definitions:

- ❖ Crime Victim Compensation: A program to help pay for medical expenses and mental health therapy for victims of violent crime.
- ❖ Restitution: After conviction, a defendant can be ordered to pay the victim for "out of pocket" financial losses due to the crime.
- ❖ Trial: An examination of issues of fact and law before a judge or jury. Evidence is presented to determine whether or not the defendant is guilty of committing a specific crime.
- ❖ Defendant: A person formally charged with a crime.

## Your Rights:

- To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity
- To be informed of all critical stages of the criminal justice process
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse (there are steps that can be taken if this is happening to you)
- To be informed about the criminal protection order and any process to change or add to the criminal protection order
- To be informed about protection services and how to request protection of an address
- To prepare a Victim Impact Statement and to be present and/or heard at the sentencing hearing



- To have the court determine restitution
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance/community services
- To be informed of the process for enforcing compliance with the Victim's Rights Act

**\*For a complete list of your rights, refer to the Colorado Revised Statutes 24-4.1-101 through 24-4.1-304.**



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