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**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS'
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Impact of Crime Victimization on Survivors

Crime victimization can impact a survivor's physical and mental health. They may develop:

- Disturbances in memory, sleep, and appetite
- Compromised immune function
- An increased risk for chronic health issues such as irritable bowel syndrome, chronic pain, depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress

Legal Definition of a Victim

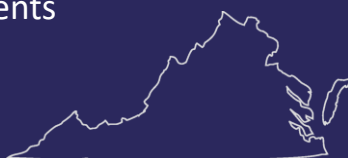
According to Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act, a victim is someone who has suffered

"...physical, emotional, or financial harm as a direct result of a felony or certain misdemeanors."

This can include the spouses, parents, children, guardians, foster parents, and other caregivers of victims.

Crime in Virginia in 2023

363,437 total crime incidents were reported.



51.5% of violent crime incidents occurred at home.

There were 20,824 reported incidents of violence crime.

The total value of property lost through theft was \$634,863,885.

Victims Services In Virginia

In 2023, Virginia's sexual and domestic violence agencies:



Provided
241,641 nights of
emergency shelter



Responded to
72,831 hotline calls



Provided sexual violence
advocacy services to
6,426 adults and
children



Provided 251,999 hours
of domestic violence
and sexual assault
advocacy services

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30th Anniversary of Virginia's Crime Victim and Rights Act

Enacted in 1995, the Virginia Crime Victim and Rights Act is intended to ensure that crime victims:

- Are treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity, and that their privacy is protected;
- Are informed of their rights;
- Received authorized services, including possible financial assistance;
- Have opportunities to make the courts aware of the full impact of crime; and,
- Are heard at all critical stages of the criminal justice process.

Financial Cost of Crime Victimization

It is estimated that the total costs related to crime in the United States equal to approximately \$2.6 trillion a year. This estimate includes expenses related to:

- Criminal justice response
- Victims services
- Loss of wages
- Medical expenses
- Damaged or stolen goods



**For more information on victim
and witness rights in Virginia,
please scan this QR code with
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If you are a victim of crime, help is available:

Virginia Family Violence &
Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-838-8238 (24-hours/day, toll-free)
www.vsdvalliance.org



Virginia Victim Assist Helpline
1-855-4-HELP-VA (855-443-5782)
www.vanetwork.org

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