



Victim Impact Statements



Sometimes you can tell the court how the crime has affected you. This is called a **Victim Impact Statement**. You make a Victim Impact Statement **before** the person who hurt you goes to jail.

Your Victim Impact Statement tells the court how the crime has affected you.

You can say how the crime hurt you.

It might be what happened to your body.



You might have

- cuts
- bruises
- burns
- broken bones.

It might be how you feel.

You might



- be very sad for a long time
- be scared
- be confused
- feel unsafe.



**You can choose to do a
Victim Impact Statement.**

You can choose **not** to make a
Victim Impact Statement.

You can choose to read the statement in court.

You can have a family member read it out.



What you say will be part of the court case.

Who will see your statement?

- the offender

and

- the media.

For example, newspaper reporters.

You need to answer questions about what you say.



Help to write the statement

The police officer

- **cannot** write the statement for you
- will help make sure your statement follows the rules.



For more help

Call the Victims Access Line

1800 633 063

The Easy English is from information in **Victim Impact Statement**.

Scope's Communication Resource Centre wrote the Easy English.

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To see the original book, contact the NSW Police Force.

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