

West's Annotated California Codes

Penal Code (Refs & Annos)

Part 1. Of Crimes and Punishments (Refs & Annos)

Title 17. Rights of Victims and Witnesses of Crime (Refs & Annos)

West's Ann.Cal.Penal Code § **679.026**

§ **679.026**. Informing crime victims of their rights; implementation

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(a) It is the intent of the people of the State of California in enacting this section to implement the rights of victims of crime established in [Section 28 of Article I of the California Constitution](#) to be informed of the rights of crime victims enumerated in the Constitution and in the statutes of this state.

(b) Every victim of crime has the right to receive without cost or charge a list of the rights of victims of crime recognized in [Section 28 of Article I of the California Constitution](#). These rights shall be known as “Marsy Rights.”

(c)(1) Every law enforcement agency investigating a criminal act and every agency prosecuting a criminal act shall, as provided herein, at the time of initial contact with a crime victim, during follow-up investigation, or as soon thereafter as deemed appropriate by investigating officers or prosecuting attorneys, provide or make available to each victim of the criminal act without charge or cost a “Marsy Rights” card described in paragraphs (3) and (4).

(2) The victim disclosures required under this section shall be available to the public at a state funded and maintained Web site authorized pursuant to [Section 14260 of the Penal Code](#) to be known as “Marsy's Page.”

(3) The Attorney General shall design and make available in “.pdf” or other imaging format to every agency listed in paragraph (1) a “Marsy Rights” card, which shall contain the rights of crime victims described in [subdivision \(b\) of Section 28 of Article I of the California Constitution](#), information on the means by which a crime victim can access the web page described in paragraph (2), and a toll-free telephone number to enable a crime victim to contact a local victim's assistance office.

(4) Every law enforcement agency which investigates criminal activity shall, if provided without cost to the agency by any organization classified as a nonprofit organization under [paragraph \(3\) of subdivision \(c\) of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code](#), make available and provide to every crime victim a “Victims' Survival and Resource Guide” pamphlet and/or video that has been approved by the Attorney General. The “Victims' Survival and Resource Guide” and video shall include an approved “Marsy Rights” card, a list of government agencies, nonprofit victims' rights groups, support groups, and local resources that assist crime victims, and any other information which the Attorney General determines might be helpful to victims of crime.

(5) Any agency described in paragraph (1) may in its discretion design and distribute to each victim of a criminal act its own Victims' Survival and Resource Guide and video, the contents of which have been approved by the Attorney General, in addition to or in lieu of the materials described in paragraph (4).

Credits

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