

Victims of Crime have important rights, Marsy's Law, which includes the rights:

- To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity.
- To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case.
- To seek and secure restitution from the person convicted of the crime causing the losses they suffer.
- To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

Adult Protective Services
(APS)..... (805) 781-1790

Alzheimer's Association..(805) 547-3830

District Attorney Economic Crime
Unit/Small Adult Protective Services
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Unit/Small Claims..... (805)781-5856

Law Enforcement, Fire, &
Emergency Services.....911

Long Term Care
Ombudsman.....(805) 785-0132

RISE (Sexual Assault/Abuse &
Intimate Partner Violence
Programs).....8555-866-7473

SLO County Behavioral
Health (805) 781-4700

SLO Hotline..... 800-783-0607

Transitions Mental Health
Association..... (805) 540-6500

Stand Strong..... (805) 781-6400

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Crime Victims
With Disabilities

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Crime Victims with Disabilities

Anyone can be a victim of crime, but people with disabilities are especially vulnerable to crimes of abuse.

The abuse may be:

- **Physical:** To hurt or threaten to hurt someone.
- **Sexual:** Inappropriate touching, or sexual assault.
- **Financial:** Stealing, withholding, or misusing someone's money
- **Neglect:** Not providing for basic needs, such as proper food, medicine, or a safe, clean place to live

Steps to Protect Yourself

Prevention

- Make a safety plan.
- Screen your providers.
- Warn your providers and guardian that you will report any abuse to the authorities.

Ongoing Safety

- Stay connected with those you trust.
- Schedule safety checks, asking someone to make sure you are safe.
- Keep communication tools handy.

Education

- Learn about sexual violence, personal boundaries, personal safety, and community resources.
- Learn how to protect your money and assets.

Signs of Abuse

- A victim may seem depressed, confused, or agitated.
- Look or act differently.
- May physically look uncared for or unkempt.
- May seem cut off from contact with others.

Report Abuse

To stop abuse it must be reported. The authorities can bring the offender to justice, and victims can get the services and programs they need.

How to Report

If the victim lives in the community (a Home, day program, or school), contact Adult Protective Services at 805.781.1790.

If the victim is in a nursing or residential care home, call the Long Term Care Ombudsman at 805.785.0132.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger call 9-1-1 or contact your local law enforcement agency.

Did You Know?

According to the Bureau of Justice: Individuals with cognitive disabilities are over 2 times more likely to become a victim of a crime.

Less than 50% of crimes were reported to Law Enforcement.

6% of individuals with a disability who were victims of violent crime could identify their perpetrator.