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SURVEY OF SELECT STATE LAWS GOVERNING VICTIMS' RIGHT TO PROTECTION AND RELATED RIGHTS

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This resource compiles select state laws that afford victims the right to protection and/or certain protection-related rights. The following chart addresses five categories of laws that fall within this topic area: (1) laws that afford victims the right to reasonable protection from the accused;¹ (2) laws that afford victims the right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and/or abuse throughout the criminal justice process;² (3) laws that afford victims the right to protection from harm and/or threats of harm;³ (4) laws that afford victims the right to information about the protections available in response to intimidation and/or threats of harm;⁴ and (5) laws that afford victims the right to be treated with respect for their safety.^{5,6} This chart does not explore how courts have applied these laws or otherwise analyzed procedures relating to victims' protection rights; practitioners are encouraged to research relevant case law to learn more about the provisions included below, as well as state practices that have not been codified. This resource is a survey of select laws and is not intended as an exhaustive resource of all relevant law.

¹ See, e.g., Cal. Const. art. I, § 28(b)(2); Conn. Const. art. I, § 8(b)(3); D.C. Code Ann. § 23-1901(b)(2); Fla. Const. art. I, § 16(b)(3); Ill. Const. art. I, § 8.1(a)(8); 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4(a)(7); Ky. Const. § 26A; Mich. Const. art. I, § 24(1); Mo. Const. art. I, § 32.1(6); Nev. Const. art. I, § 8A(1)(b); N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(c); N.M. Const. art. II, § 24(A)(3); N.M. Stat. Ann. § 31-26-4(C); N.D. Const. art. I, § 25(1)(c); Ohio Const. art. I, § 10a(A)(4); Okla. Const. art. II, § 34(A); Or. Const. art. I, § 43(1)(a); S.C. Const. art. I, § 24(A)(6); S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29(3); Tex. Const. art. I, § 30(a)(2); Wis. Const. art. I, § 9m(2)(f); Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-203(vii).

² See, e.g., Ariz. Const. art. II, § 2.1(A)(1); Cal. Const. art. I, § 28(b)(1); Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 24-4.1-302.5(1)(a); Fla. Const. art. I, § 16(b)(2); Ill. Const. art. I, § 8.1(a)(1); 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4(a)(1); Ind. Code Ann. § 35-40-5-1(2); Nev. Const. art. I, § 8A(1)(a); N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(c); N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-36(c); N.D. Const. art. I, § 25(1)(b); S.C. Const. art. I, § 24(A)(1); S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29(2); Tenn. Const. art. I, § 35(2); Utah Const. art. I,

§ 28(1)(a); Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-205(a). Some jurisdictions afford this right to certain categories of victims, such as victims of sexual assault. *See, e.g.*, Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.201.2(9); Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178A.290(1)(b).

³ This right takes a number of different forms, including the right of victims to be free from harm or threats of harm that are related to their cooperation with law enforcement and/or prosecution efforts. *See, e.g.*, Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.010(a)(4); Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-1002(b)(4); Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 258B, § 3(d); Miss. Code Ann. § 99-36-5(1)(a); Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.209.1(9); Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1848(2)(c); Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.5692; N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-825(a)(2); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2); R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-28-3(a)(3); Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 56A.051(a)(1); Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5304(a)(3)(D). Other jurisdictions frame this right as: a victim's right to be free from harm or threats of harm, Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 801D-4(a)(3); a victim's right to assistance in obtaining protection from harm or threats of harm arising out of the victim's cooperation with the court system, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5304(a)(3)(D); and a victim's right to be assisted in obtaining protection from harm or threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement or prosecution efforts, Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-11.01(A)(1)(a).

⁴ *See, e.g.*, Ala. Code § 15-23-62(7); Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.010(a)(4); Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-1107(a)(1)(B)(iii); Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-4.1-302.5(1)(m); Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 9411(a)(3); Ga. Code Ann. § 17-17-8(a)(3); Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 421.500(4); Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-1002(b)(4); Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 258B, § 3(d); Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.756(1)(e); *id.* § 780.816(1)(e); *id.* § 780.786(2)(e); Mont. Code Ann. § 46-24-202; Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1848(2)(c); Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.5692; N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-825(a)(2); N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-832(a)(5); N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 12.1-34-02(4)(c); Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2930.04(D)(3); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2); R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-28-3(a)(3); Utah Code Ann. § 77-37-3(1)(a); Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5314(a)(2)(C); Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-11.01(A)(1)(a); Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 7.69.030(4); W. Va. Code R. 142-4-4.3; Wis. Stat. Ann. § 950.08(2g)(f); Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-203(vi); Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-205(d). Some jurisdictions afford this right to information to certain categories of victims, such as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment or stalking. *See, e.g.*, Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-4405(A)(3)(c); Cal. Penal Code § 680.2(a)(4); Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.0315, subd. 1(c); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-3(B)(2); *id.* § 142A-3(C)(2); Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-113(4).
⁵ *See, e.g.*, Ky. Const. § 26A; N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(a); Ohio Const. art. I, § 10a(A)(1); Okla. Const. art. II, § 34(A); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2).

⁶ Another common category of laws related to victim protection and safety is not included in this chart: laws that afford victims the right to protection and safety in the context of bail and release decisions. *See, e.g.*, Alaska Const. Art. I, § 24; Cal. Const. art. I, § 28(b)(3); Fla. Const. art. I, § 16(b)(4); Ill. Const. art. I, § 8.1(a)(9); Ky. Const. § 26A; Nev. Const. art. I, § 8A(1)(c); N.D. Const. art. I, § 25(1)(d); S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29(4); Va. Const. art. I, § 8-A(1). For more information on this topic, contact NCVLI for technical assistance.

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Alabama				Ala. Code § 15-23-62(7) (requiring that law enforcement provide victims with information about “[a] recommended procedure if the victim is subjected to threats or intimidation”).	
Alaska			Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.010(a)(4) (affording victims “the right to receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 12.61.010(a)(4) (affording victims “the right . . . to be provided with information as to the protection [from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts] available”).	
Arizona		Ariz. Const. art. II, § 2.1(A)(1) (affording victims the right “to be		Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-4405(A)(3)(c) (requiring that law	

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		free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal justice process”).		enforcement provide victims of domestic violence with information regarding “the procedures and resources available for the protection of the victim pursuant to § 13-3601”); <i>id.</i> § 8-386(A)(3)(c) (affording similar rights for victims of juvenile offenses).	
Arkansas				Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-1107(a)(1)(B)(iii) (requiring that law enforcement provide victims with “[i]nformation concerning the availability of . . . [p]rotection of the victim, including protective court orders”).	

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California	Cal. Const. art. I, § 28(b)(2) (affording victims the right “[t]o be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant”).	Cal. Const. art. I, § 28(b)(1) (affording victims the right “to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process”).		Cal. Penal Code § 680.2(a)(4) (requiring that law enforcement or a medical provider, upon the initial interaction with a victim of sexual assault, provide the victim with a card that shall include, <i>inter alia</i> , “[i]nformation about the types of law enforcement protection available to the sexual assault victim, including a temporary protection order, and the process to obtain that protection”).	
Colorado		Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 24-4.1-302.5(1)(a) (affording victims the right “to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse,		Colo. Rev. Stat. § 24-4.1-302.5(1)(m) (affording victims “[t]he right to be informed about what steps can be taken by a victim . . . in case there	

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		throughout the criminal justice process”).		is any intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of a crime against the victim, or any other person acting on behalf of the accused or convicted person”).	
Connecticut	Conn. Const. art. I, § 8(b)(3) (affording victims “the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process”).				
Delaware				Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 9411(a)(3) (“After a prosecution is commenced by the Attorney General in the Superior Court, the Attorney General shall promptly inform a victim of: . . . [p]rocedures if the	

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				<p>victim is threatened or harassed[.]”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 9406(b) (“At the initial contact, the victim shall be provided written information by the investigating law-enforcement agency to whom the victim can contact to ascertain if the defendant is released from custody, and the procedures that the victim may follow if threatened, intimidated or if conditions of bail or custody are not complied with.”).</p>	
D.C.	D.C. Code Ann. § 23-1901(b)(2) (affording victims the right to “[b]e reasonably				

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	protected from the accused offender”).				
Florida	Fla. Const. art. I, § 16(b)(3) (affording victims “[t]he right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused” and specifying that “nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or office absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law”).	Fla. Const. art. I, § 16(b)(2) (affording victims “[t]he right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse”).		<i>See also</i> Fla. Stat. Ann. § 960.001(1)(c) (directing law enforcement to develop and implement guidelines to achieve objectives that include furnishing victims “as a matter of course, with information on steps that are available to law enforcement officers and state attorneys to protect victims . . . from intimidation”).	
Georgia		<i>See also</i> Ga. Code Ann. § 17-17-16(b)(1) (“A superior court, upon		Ga. Code Ann. § 17-17-8(a)(3) (“Upon initial contact with a victim, a	

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		<p>application of a prosecuting attorney, shall issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting harassment of a victim or witness in a criminal case if the court finds from specific facts shown by affidavit or by verified complaint that there are reasonable grounds to believe that harassment of an identified victim or witness in a criminal case exists or that such order is necessary to prevent and restrain an offense under Code Section 16-10-32 or 16-10-93.”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> Ga. Code Ann. § 17-17-16(c)(1) (“A superior court, upon motion of the</p>		<p>prosecuting attorney shall give prompt notification to the victim of . . . “[s]uggested procedures if the victim is subjected to threats or intimidation[.]”).</p>	

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		<p>prosecuting attorney, shall issue a protective order prohibiting harassment of a victim or witness in a criminal case if the court, after a hearing, finds by a preponderance of the evidence that harassment of an identified victim or witness in a criminal case exists or that such order is necessary to prevent and restrain an offense under Code Section 16-10-32 or 16-10-93.”).</p>			
Hawaii			<p>Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 801D-4(a)(3) (affording victims the right, upon written request, “[t]o receive protection from threats or harm”).</p>		

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Illinois	<p>Ill. Const. art. I, § 8.1(a)(8) (affording victims “[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process”).</p> <p>725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4(a)(7) (affording victims “[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the accused through the criminal justice process”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4.5(c-5)(16) (“The following procedures shall be followed to afford victims the rights guaranteed by Article I, Section 8.1 of the Illinois Constitution: . .</p>	<p>Ill. Const. art. I, § 8.1(a)(1) (affording victims the right “to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process”).</p> <p>725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 120/4(a)(1) (affording victims “[t]he right . . . to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process”).</p>			

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	<p>. The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process and the right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction. A victim of domestic violence, a sexual offense, or stalking may request the entry of a protective order under Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.”).</p>				
Indiana		Ind. Code Ann. § 35-40-5-1(2) (“A victim has the right to be . . . free from intimidation,			

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		harassment, and abuse[.]”).			
Iowa		<i>See also</i> Iowa Code Ann. § 915.22(1) (“Upon application, the court shall issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting the harassment or intimidation of a victim or witness in a criminal case if the court finds, from specific facts shown by affidavit or by verified complaint, that there are reasonable grounds to believe that harassment or intimidation of an identified victim or witness in a criminal case exists or that the order is necessary to prevent and restrain an offense under this subchapter.”).			

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Kansas			<i>See also</i> Kan. Stat. Ann. § 74-7333(a)(7) (including within a list of victims' rights that "[m]easures may be taken when necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation").		
Kentucky	Ky. Const. § 26A (affording victims "the right to reasonable protection from the accused and those acting on behalf of the accused throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process").		<i>See also</i> Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 421.500(5)(e) ("Attorneys for the Commonwealth shall make a reasonable effort to insure that: . . . The victim of crime may, pursuant to [Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §] 15.247 [victim protection program], receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 421.500(4) ("Law enforcement officers and attorneys for the Commonwealth shall provide information to victims and witnesses on how they may be protected from intimidation, harassment, and retaliation as defined in KRS 524.040 or 524.055.").	Ky. Const. § 26A (affording victims "the right to fairness and due consideration of the crime victim's safety, dignity, and privacy").

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			cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts.”).		
Maryland	<i>See also</i> Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-105 (“On a finding of probable cause and before the issuance of an arrest warrant or a summons, a judicial officer shall provide to an individual filing an application for a statement of charges under Maryland Rule 4-211(b) an opportunity to request reasonable protections for the safety of an alleged victim or the victim’s family.”).		Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-1002(b)(4) (providing that victims “should be told of the protection available, and, on request, be protected by a criminal justice unit, to the extent reasonable, practicable, and, in the unit’s discretion, necessary, from harm or threats of harm arising out of the crime victim’s . . . cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 11-1002(b)(4) (providing that victims “should be told of the protection available, and, on request, be protected by a criminal justice unit, to the extent reasonable, practicable, and, in the unit’s discretion, necessary, from harm or threats of harm arising out of the crime victim’s . . . cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	
Massachusetts			Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 258B, § 3(d) (affording victims the right “to receive	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 258B, § 3(d) (affording victims the right “to be provided	

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			protection from the local law enforcement agencies from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	with information by the prosecutor as to the level of protection available . . . from the local law enforcement agencies from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	
Michigan	Mich. Const. art. I, § 24(1) (affording victims “[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process”).			Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 780.756(1)(e) (requiring that prosecuting attorneys provide victims of crimes punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or an offense explicitly designated as a felony with “[s]uggested procedures if the victim is subjected to threats or intimidation”); <i>id.</i> § 780.816(1)(e)	

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				(affording similar rights for victims of serious misdemeanors); <i>id.</i> §780.786(2)(e) (affording similar rights for victims of juvenile offenses).	
Minnesota				Minn. Stat. Ann. § 611A.0315, subd. 1(c) (“Whenever a prosecutor notifies a victim of domestic assault, criminal sexual conduct, or harassment or stalking under this section [of a decision not to prosecute], the prosecutor shall also inform the victim of the method and benefits of seeking an order for protection under section 518B.01 or a restraining order under section 609.748 and that the victim may	

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				seek an order without paying a fee.”).	
Mississippi			Miss. Code. Ann. § 99-36-5(1)(a) (affording victims “[t]he right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts, including, but not limited to, the filing of criminal charges where the perpetrator is known”).		
Missouri	Mo. Const. art. I, § 32.1(6) (affording victims “[t]he right to reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on behalf of the defendant”).	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.201.2(9) (affording sexual assault victims the right to “[b]e free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.209.1(9) (affording victims “the right to reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on behalf of the defendant from harm		

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		in any related criminal or civil proceeding[.]”).	and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”). Mo. Ann. Stat. § 595.201.2(9) (affording sexual assault victims the “right to reasonable protection from the offender or any person acting on behalf of the offender from harm and threats of harm arising out of the survivor’s disclosure of the sexual assault”).		
Montana				Mont. Code Ann. § 46-24-202 (“Law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys shall provide a victim or witness information on the	

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				availability of services to protect the victim or witness from intimidation, including the process for obtaining a protective order from the court.”).	
Nebraska			Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1848(2)(c) (affording victims the right “[t]o receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 81-1848(2)(c) (affording victims the right “to be provided with information as to the level of protection [from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts] available”).	
Nevada	Nev. Const. art. I, § 8A(1)(b) (affording victims the right “[t]o be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on	Nev. Const. art. I, § 8A(1)(a) (affording victims the right “to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse, throughout the criminal	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.5692 (“If a victim of a crime or a witness is cooperating with the prosecuting attorney in	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178.5692 (“If a victim of a crime or a witness is cooperating with the prosecuting attorney in	

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	<p>behalf of the defendant”).</p> <p>Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178A.290(1)(a) (“In addition to any other right provided by law, a survivor [of sexual assault] has the right . . . [i]n any civil or criminal case related to a sexual assault, to be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.”).</p>	<p>or juvenile justice process”).</p> <p>Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 178A.290(1)(b) (“In addition to any other right provided by law, a survivor [of sexual assault] has the right . . . [t]o be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse.”).</p>	<p>a criminal case and reasonably apprehends that [they] may suffer threats of harm or harm arising out of that cooperation, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the city shall, upon the written request of the victim or witness, investigate the circumstances [and] take adequate measures to protect the victim or witness where appropriate . . .”).</p>	<p>a criminal case and reasonably apprehends that [they] may suffer threats of harm or harm arising out of that cooperation, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the city shall, upon the written request of the victim or witness, investigate the circumstances . . . and inform the victim . . . of the level of protection being provided.”).</p>	
New Hampshire	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(c) (affording victims “[t]he right . . . to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process, including the right to</p>	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(c) (affording victims “[t]he right to be free from intimidation . . . from the accused throughout the criminal justice process, including the right to</p>			<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-M:8-k(II)(a) (affording victims “[t]he right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim’s safety, dignity, and privacy throughout the</p>

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	relocate for the victim's safety").	relocate for the victim's safety").			criminal justice process").
New Jersey		N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-36(c) (affording victims the right "[t]o be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse by any person including the defendant or any other person acting in support of or on behalf of the defendant, due to the involvement of the victim or witness in the criminal justice process").			
New Mexico	N.M. Const. art. II, § 24(A)(3) (affording victims crimes "the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process").				

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	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 31-26-4(C) (affording victims the right to “be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process”).				
New York			<i>See also</i> N.Y. Exec. Law § 646-a(2)(c) (recognizing “the rights of crime victims to be protected from intimidation and to have the court, where appropriate, issue protective orders as provided in sections 530.12 and 530.13 of the criminal procedure law and sections 215.15, 215.16 and 215.17 of the penal law”).		
North Carolina			N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-825(a)(2) (“To	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-832(a)(5)	

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			<p>the extent reasonably possible and subject to available resources, the employees of law enforcement agencies, the prosecutorial system, the judicial system, and the correctional system should make a reasonable effort to assure that each victim and witness within their jurisdiction . . . receives . . . protection [from harms and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts].”).</p>	<p>(requiring the district attorney to provide a victim with “[s]uggestions on what the victim should do if threatened or intimidated by the accused or someone acting on the accused’s behalf”).</p> <p>N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 15A-825(a)(2) (“To the extent reasonably possible and subject to available resources, the employees of law enforcement agencies, the prosecutorial system, the judicial system, and the correctional system should make a reasonable effort to assure that each victim and witness within their</p>	

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				jurisdiction . . . [i]s provided information about available protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts, and receives such protection.”).	
North Dakota	N.D. Const. art. I, § 25(1)(c) (affording victims “[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused”).	N.D. Const. art. I, § 25(1)(b) (affording victims “[t]he right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse”).		N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 12.1-34-02(4)(c) (“Victims . . . must be informed by the prosecuting attorney of the methods for enforcing any pretrial release conditions including information as to the level of protection available from law enforcement in the case of harm, threats, or intimidation	

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				made to the victim’).	
Ohio	Ohio Const. art. I, § 10a(A)(4) (affording victims the right “to reasonable protection from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused”).			Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2930.04(D)(3) (“At the time of its initial contact with a victim of a criminal offense or delinquent act, or as soon as practicable following the initial contact, the law enforcement agency responsible for investigating the criminal offense or delinquent act shall provide the victim, in writing, . . . the following information: When applicable, the procedures and resources available for the protection of the victim, including protection orders issued by the courts[.]”).	Ohio Const. art. I, § 10a(A)(1) (affording victims the right “to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim’s safety, dignity and privacy”).

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Oklahoma	Okla. Const. art. II, § 34(A) (affording victims the right “to reasonable protection”).		Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2) (affording victims the right “to receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of the cooperation of the person with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2) (affording victims the rights “to be provided with information as to the level of protection [from harm and threats of harm arising out of the cooperation of the person with law enforcement and prosecution efforts] available and how to access protection”). Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-3(B)(2) (requiring that law enforcement provide victims of domestic abuse with information about their rights, including “[t]he right to request protection from any harm or threat of harm arising out of [the	Okla. Const. art. II, § 34(A) (affording victims the right “to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim’s safety, dignity and privacy”). Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 142A-2(A)(2) (affording victims the right “[t]o be treated with fairness and respect for the safety, dignity and privacy of the victim”).

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				victim's] cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts as far as facilities are available and to be provided with information on the level of protection available"); <i>id.</i> § 142A-3(C)(2) (affording similar rights for victims of sexual assault).	
Oregon	Or. Const. art. I, § 43(1)(a) (affording victims "[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the criminal defendant or the convicted criminal throughout the criminal justice process and from the alleged youth offender or youth offender throughout the				

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	juvenile delinquency proceedings”).				
Pennsylvania			18 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 11.902(2)(i) (“The commission shall provide technical assistance to and make grants to district attorneys, other criminal justice agencies or victim service agencies which provide crime victims with the following services: . . . Protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts.”).		
Rhode Island			R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-28-3(a)(3) (affording victims the right “[t]o receive	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-28-3(a)(3) (affording victims the right “to be provided	

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			protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of the victim's cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts").	with information as to the means of protection [from harm and threats of harm arising out of the victim's cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts] available").	
South Carolina	S.C. Const. art. I, § 24(A)(6) (affording victims the right to "be reasonably protected from the accused or persons acting on [their] behalf throughout the criminal justice process").	S.C. Const. art. I, § 24(A)(1) (affording victims the right "to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process").			
South Dakota	S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29(3) (affording victims "[t]he right to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused").	S.D. Const. art. VI, § 29(2) (affording victims "[t]he right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse").			

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		<p><i>See also</i> S.D. Codified Laws § 23A-28C-1(4) (affording victims the right “[t]o be protected from intimidation by the defendant, including enforcement of orders of protection”).</p>			
Tennessee		<p>Tenn. Const. art. I, § 35(2) (affording victims “[t]he right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice system”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-102(a)(2) (“All victims of crime and prosecution witnesses have the right to . . . [p]rotection and support with prompt action in the case of</p>		<p>Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-113(4) (“Law enforcement agencies shall provide notice of the following information to any victim of crime: . . . In cases of domestic violence, the procedures and resources available for protection of the victim[.]”).</p>	

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		intimidation or retaliation from the defendant and the defendant's agents or friends.”).			
Texas	Tex. Const. art. I, § 30(a)(2) (affording victims “the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process”).		Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. art. 56A.051(a)(1) (affording victims “the right to receive from a law enforcement agency adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts”).		
Utah	Utah Code Ann. § 77-37-4(1) (“Children have the right to protection from physical and emotional abuse during their involvement with the criminal justice process.”).	Utah Const. art. I, § 28(1)(a) (affording victims the right “to be free from harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice process”).		Utah Code Ann. § 77-37-3(1)(a) (“Victims and witnesses have a right to be informed as to the level of protection from intimidation and harm available to them, and from what sources, as	

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		<p><i>See also</i> Utah Code Ann. § 77-37-4(1) (“Children have the right to protection from physical and emotional abuse during their involvement with the criminal justice process.”).</p>		<p>they participate in criminal justice proceedings as designated by Section 76-8-508, regarding witness tampering, and Section 76-8-509, regarding threats against a victim. Law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections personnel have the duty to timely provide this information in a form which is useful to the victim.”).</p>	
Vermont			<p>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5304(a)(3)(D) (affording victims the right to “assistance in obtaining protection through local law enforcement agencies from harm and threats of harm arising out of</p>	<p>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 5314(a)(2)(C) (requiring that law enforcement “promptly give [information] in writing to [victims]” regarding “protection for the victim,</p>	

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			their cooperation with the court system”).	including protective court orders”).	
Virginia			Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-11.01(A)(1)(a) (“In order that victims and witnesses receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law-enforcement, or prosecution efforts, they . . . shall be assisted in obtaining this protection from the appropriate authorities.”).	Va. Code Ann. § 19.2-11.01(A)(1)(a) (“In order that victims and witnesses receive protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of their cooperation with law-enforcement, or prosecution efforts, they shall be provided with information as to the level of protection which may be available pursuant to § 52-35 or to any other federal, state or local program providing protection . . .”).	
Washington			Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 7.69.030(4) (affording victims the right “[t]o receive	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 7.69.030(4) (affording victims the right “to be provided	

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			<p>protection from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 7.69.035 (“The legislature recognizes that witnesses are often fearful of testifying against criminal gang members. Witnesses may be subject to harassment, intimidation, and threats. While the state does not ensure protection of witnesses, the state intends to provide resources to assist local prosecutors in combating gang-related crimes and to</p>	<p>with information as to the level of protection [from harm and threats of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts] available”).</p>	

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			help citizens perform their civic duty to testify in these cases.”).		
West Virginia				<p>W. Va. Code R. 142-4-4.3 (“The prosecuting attorney or [their] assistant should ensure that victims and witnesses receive information on steps that law-enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys can take to protect victims and witnesses from intimidation.”).</p> <p><i>See also</i> W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-11A-6(a)(2) (“No later than July 1, 1984, the Attorney General shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter</p>	

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				<p>twenty-nine-a of this code, establishing guidelines for law-enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys' offices consistent with the purposes of this article. The Attorney General shall seek the advice of the West Virginia State Police and Department of Health and Human Resources in preparing such rules and regulations. In preparing such rules and regulations, the following objectives shall be considered: . . . The prosecuting attorney or [their] assistant should ensure that victims and witnesses receive information on steps</p>	

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				that law-enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys can take to protect victims and witnesses from intimidation.”).	
Wisconsin	Wis. Const. art. I, § 9m(2)(f) (affording victims the right “[t]o reasonable protection from the accused throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process”).			Wis. Stat. Ann. § 950.08(2g)(f) (requiring that law enforcement provide victims with information regarding “[s]uggested procedures for the victim[s] to follow if [they are] subject to threats or intimidation arising out of [their] cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts relating to a crime of which [they are] a victim”).	

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Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-203(b)(vii) (affording victims the right “[t]o be provided, at the discretion of the prosecuting attorney or criminal justice personnel, reasonable protection and safety immediately before, during and after criminal justice proceedings”); <i>id.</i> § 14-6-502(a)(vii) (affording similar rights for victims of delinquent acts).	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-205(a) (“A victim . . . has the right to be free from any form of harassment, intimidation or retribution.”); <i>id.</i> § 14-6-504(a) (affording similar rights for victims of delinquent acts).	<i>See also</i> Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-205(c) (“When the threat of harassment, intimidation or retribution cannot be avoided, the court shall take appropriate measures to protect the victim or key witness.”); <i>id.</i> § 14-6-504(c) (affording similar rights for victims of delinquent acts).	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-203(b)(vi) (affording victims the right “[t]o be provided information about available legal recourse and other measures if subjected to threats or intimidation as provided in [Wyo. Stat. Ann. §] 1-40-205”); <i>id.</i> § 14-6-502(a)(vi) (affording similar rights for victims of delinquent acts). Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-40-205(d) (“Law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys shall provide information regarding law enforcement measures available to protect victims and key witnesses.”); <i>id.</i> § 14-6-	

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				504(d) (affording similar rights for victims of delinquent acts).	