



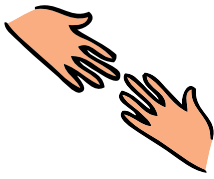
This is about Victim Impact Statements



Easy English

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This book has some difficult information.
You might need someone to help you to understand it.



The information might make you feel sad.
You can ask someone to support you. For example a

- family member
- friend
- worker.



This book talks about the victim. A victim is someone who was hurt by someone else.
In this book she wears a pink top.



The person who hurt the victim looks like this. This is the person who did the crime.
In this book he wears a yellow top.



A Victim Impact Statement is a legal statement. You make the statement for the court.

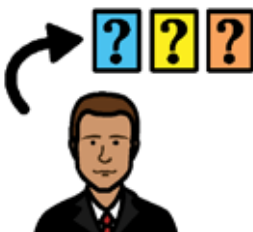


Your Victim Impact Statement tells the court how the crime has affected you.

The law says you can make a Victim Impact Statement.



The court uses your Victim Impact Statement. It helps the court decide what happens to the person who hurt you.



Court is a place where a judge or magistrate works.

The **judge or magistrate** decides

- if someone has done a crime
- what should happen to the person.

For example, the person who did the crime may go to jail.



Your Victim Impact Statement.

Your **Victim Impact Statement** can talk about 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
- scared
- confused
- **not** feel safe.



Who can make a Victim Impact Statement?

Anyone who is a victim of crime can make a Victim Impact Statement.

You are a victim of crime when

- somebody hurt you

or

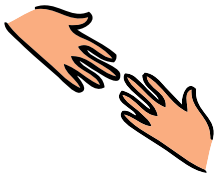
- someone in your family was killed.



The law says you can

- make a Victim Impact Statement
- get help to make a

Victim Impact Statement.



Help to write a Victim Impact Statement.

Someone can make a
Victim Impact Statement for you.

If you

- are under 18 years of age
- are sick

or

- have a disability.



Phone the Victims of Crime Helpline

1800 819 817

or



email vsa@justice.vic.gov.au

You can call us using the

National Relay Service.



- TTY users phone 1800 555 677.



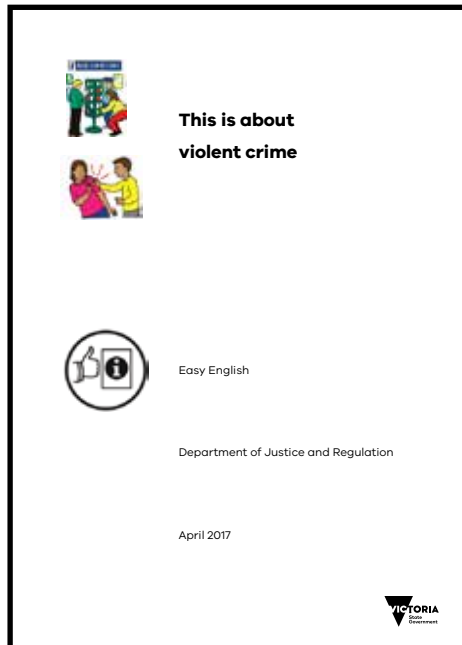
- Speak and Listen users
phone 1800 555 727.



- Internet relay users go to
www.relayservice.com.au

Other books you can ask for

Violent crime



Victims Register



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