Important Telephone Numbers

Town of DeWitt Police Dept.
315-449-3640
police@townofdewitt.com
Office of District Attorney
315-435-2470
Victim Assistance Program
315-435-3916
ext. 4336 or 4425
Syracuse Police Dept.
315-442-5200
Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept.
315-435-3044
New York State Police
315-366-6000
County Helpline
315-435-8300
CNY Mental Health Services
211
Child Abuse Hotline (24 hrs)
315-422-9701
Adult Protective Services
315-435-2362
Vera House (24 hrs)
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services)
315-468-3260
VINE
(Victim Info. Notification Everyday)
(Inmate & Parole Info.)
1-888-846-3469

Hospital Emergency Rooms

Upstate Hospital	315-264-5612
Upstate Pediatrics	315-464-5613
St. Joseph's Hospital	315-448-5101
Crouse Irving	315-470-7411
Upstate/Community	315-492-5535

Tips

1. **Call the police at 911:** When calling the police, state your full name and address, and be sure of the street or location where the crime occurred. Also, state if anyone has been injured.
2. **Do Not Touch Anything at the Crime Scene:** If something is spilled, dropped, or scattered, leave all items untouched.
3. **Try to Remember Details of Crime:** Reconstruct in your mind what the condition of the scene was before the crime occurred. Include any strange occurrences that may have proceeded the crime.
4. **Make a List of Stolen Property:** In cases of stolen property, list all the stolen property. Try to include serial numbers and approximate values.
5. **Report any Suspicious or Abnormal Activity:** If your usual routine in your area has been interrupted or you notice any unusual activity, make a note and consider calling the police. You may prevent the successful commission of a crime.

Town of DeWitt Police Department

Victim Assistance Program

Onondaga County
District Attorney
William J. Fitzpatrick

Assistance for Victims of Crime and Their Families

315-435-3916
ext. 4336
ext. 4425

Criminal Courthouse
505 South State Street
4th Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202

The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) is a program of the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office that helps crime victims and witnesses.

VAP ensures that victims are witnesses and do not suffer unnecessary hardship due to a crime.

VAP is also designed to help individuals and families deal with the trauma that results from a violent crime.

Victim's Rights

The right to be:

- Free from intimidation
- Informed about the Criminal Justice System
- Told about available compensation for victims of crime and eligibility
- Given aid and information
- Told about social service agencies that could help you
- Treated fairly and with respect
- Assisted by your criminal justice agencies

Victims also have the right to know that a person arrested may be released on bond or some other form of release and that the victim should not rely upon an arrest to guarantee safety.

VAP Can Provide:

- Immediate general and emotional support services to victims and family members of crime victims
- Assistance to victims in filing with the NYS Office of Victim's Services for Crime Victim's Compensation when victims have medical, counseling, funeral, loss of support, loss of wages, and/or court transportation costs.
- Needs assessment with appropriate advocacy, information, and referrals.
- Information and reminders regarding court dates and other appointments.
- Help in initiating the return of confiscated property.
- Court accompaniment
- Updates on the status of cases to victims.
- Collection of information from victims for case files
- Assistance with victim impact and parole hearing statements.

NYS Office of Victim Service
https://ovs.ny.gov/

Onondaga County Victim Assistance Program
https://da.ongov.net/

The Victim Assistance Program is located in the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office,
4th Floor of the Criminal Courthouse Building, 505 S. State St., Syracuse, NY 13202

Financial Assistance is Available Under NYS OVS Regulations:

- The victim must be an innocent victim of a crime.
- If, as a crime victim, you sustain physical injury
- If you are at least 60, under 18, or disabled, and have lost essential property as the result of a crime
- If you are the surviving spouse, parent, or dependant of a victim who died as a result of a crime

NYS Fair Treatment Standards Law Grants Crime Victims:

- The right to be consulted by the District Attorney's Office for their views regarding the disposition of a case by dismissal, plea of guilty or trial, release of defendant pending trial, and availability of sentencing alternatives such as community supervision and restitution
- To be provided, where possible, with separate secure waiting areas when awaiting court appearances
- To have property that has been held for evidentiary purposes promptly returned
- To be provided with assistance in informing their employers that the need for victims' cooperation may necessitate absences from work and informing their creditors of circumstances that may affect their ability to meet obligations