



NOTIFICATIONS FOR VICTIMS

Oregon Youth Authority

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Learn how to receive information related to the youth who committed the crime against you.



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YOU HAVE RIGHTS.

As a crime victim, you have the right to a meaningful role in the justice system and to be treated with dignity and respect.

You also have a right to be notified about certain events that happen during the time a youth is in the custody of Oregon Youth Authority (OYA).

We know that you probably have a lot of complicated emotions in relation to this crime. We also understand that now might be a difficult time to make decisions about your rights.

We recommend that you hang onto this brochure in case you want to think more about it later. You may also want this information later if you change your mind about getting notifications.

You also can find this information online:
oregon.gov/oia/victims

How to request notifications

If you would like to receive the notifications listed in this brochure:

1. Fill out the victim notification form. You should have received one from OYA in the mail. Learn more on our website: **oregon.gov/oia/victims**.
2. Mail the form to the OYA field office that is supervising the youth in question. Their contact information is in the letter we sent. You also can find the field offices' contact information online: **bit.ly/oiafield**.
 - If you're not sure which office is supervising the youth, contact the one for the county where the crime occurred.
 - If you prefer not to send the form through the mail, you can call the appropriate field office and they will help you set up notifications.
3. **Please let us know if your contact information changes** by contacting the appropriate field office.

NOTE: The notifications listed in this brochure are only available for victims of youth who are committed to a youth correctional facility.



General phone: 503-373-7205
Online: oregon.gov/oia/victims

What kinds of things can I get notified about?

Event	What it is	When you would be notified	How you would be notified
Parole	When a youth is released from a youth correctional facility (a secure facility that's run by OYA). Notification would include basic info about the rules the youth needs to follow in relation to their parole.	Before the youth is released.	Phone call or letter from the youth's juvenile parole/probation officer.
Parole revoked	When a youth breaks a rule related to their parole and they have to return to a youth correctional facility.	After the youth goes back to the facility.	Phone call or letter from the youth's juvenile parole/probation officer.
Runaway	When a youth leaves their community placement (residential program, foster home, or family home) without permission and no one knows where they are.	Immediately. This could include a phone call in the middle of the night.	Phone call. If we don't have your phone number, we will mail you a letter.
Escape	When a youth escapes from one of OYA's youth correctional or transitional facilities.	Immediately. This could include a phone call in the middle of the night.	Phone call. If we don't have your phone number, we will mail you a letter.
Return from a run or escape	When a runaway or escaped youth is located and is back in custody or back at their community placement.	Soon after the youth returns or is back in custody.	Phone call. If we don't have your phone number, we will mail you a letter.
Termination	When a court decides that the youth is completely done with OYA custody and supervision.	After the termination happens.	Letter.

YOUTH PROGRESS

You also may request basic information about progress the youth is making while they are in our youth correctional facilities.

We would provide you a number, on a scale of 1 to 5, to represent how the youth is doing in each of these areas:

- Completion of assigned services and reformation goals.
- Overall level of engagement in services and reformation goals.
- Recognition of the impact of the youth's actions on the victim.
- Recognition of the impact of the youth's actions on the community.
- Completion of a transition plan for parole.

How do I get these notifications?

You need to sign up for them using our Victim Notification Form. Learn more on our website: oregon.gov/oia/victims.

You will not receive any notifications unless you tell us that you want them. If you change your mind, you can let us know by contacting the OYA field office that is supervising the youth.

I already signed up for notifications at the county. Do I need to do this again?

Yes. Victim notifications from the counties do not transfer over to Oregon Youth Authority.

What if I want you to leave me alone?

You can ignore the request for victim notifications or you can let us know you do not wish to be contacted.

Are there any other times you might contact me?

- When the youth first comes to our facility: We may contact you about the impact of the crime to help inform our decisions about the youth's treatment.
- When the youth is seeking parole: We may ask you for feedback about the impact of the youth's parole.