

You are considered to be the **victim of a crime** if you have suffered physical or material damage or emotional distress as a result of an incident deemed to be a crime under applicable national legislation. Family members of someone who has died as a result of a crime who have suffered damage as a result of that person's death are also considered victims of a crime.

As a victim of a crime, you have certain legal rights before, during and at the end of the criminal procedure.

The first two stages of the criminal procedure in Romania are: the criminal investigation and the trial. During the criminal investigation, the criminal investigation bodies, under the supervision of the public prosecutor, investigate the case, gathering evidence in order to find the offender. At the end of the criminal investigation, the police send the case to the public prosecutor's office, together with all the data and evidence collected in the file. After receiving the file, the case prosecutor examines the case and decides whether it is to proceed to the next phase, i.e. trial, or whether the file should be closed.

Once the file comes before the court, the panel of judges examines the facts and hears the persons involved in order to establish the guilt of the accused.

Once guilt has been established, the offender receives a sentence. If the court considers that the accused is not guilty, then he or she is released.

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