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Victims' rights - by country

Cyprus

You are considered the **victim of a crime** if you have suffered harm (e.g. if you have been injured or if your personal property has been damaged or stolen, etc.) as a result of an incident which constitutes an offence according to national law. According to the law, you have certain individual rights as a victim of a crime before, during and after the proceedings.

In Cyprus, criminal proceedings begin with a police inquiry into the crime. Once the inquiry is finished, the case is referred to the Attorney-General of the Republic who decides whether to initiate criminal proceedings. If there is sufficient evidence against the alleged perpetrator, the Attorney-General will refer the case to court for trial. Once it has examined the evidence gathered, the court will decide whether the defendant is guilty and either sentence or acquit him/her.

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