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Victims' rights - by country

Eslováquia

You will be considered a **victim of crime** if you have suffered damage, e.g. you have been injured or your property has been damaged or stolen, etc., as a result of an incident, which constitutes a crime according to national law.

As a victim, you have your own capacity in all criminal proceedings and you have the legal right to join them at any time. The law confers certain individual rights to you, before, during and after court proceedings (trial).

**Criminal proceedings in Slovakia** consist of investigation of the crime, done by police, where evidence is collected about the offence committed and about the alleged offender. If the evidence is sufficient, the case goes to trial. The trial concludes with the court convicting or pronouncing the defendant not guilty and possibly ruling on your claim against him/her for the damage you have sustained. There may be appeals to higher courts.

The following factsheets will take you through the different steps of the procedure, describing your rights [during the investigation of the crime](#), [during the trial](#) or [after the first trial](#). Also, read more about the [help and support you can get](#).

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