

Victim Rights and Confidentiality

As a victim of a crime, you have the following rights and expectations of confidentiality of your personal information and communications with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Victim Advocate's Office.

1. You have the right to be treated with fairness and respect, to be reasonably protected from the accused, the right to notification and attendance of court proceedings, to timely disposition, to confer with the prosecution, to receive restitution for damage, to make a victim impact statement, and to receive information about the criminal justice process.
2. The information you provide to the Victim Advocate's Office will be kept confidential to the greatest extent allowed by law.
3. You can decide how much or how little of your personal information that you share with us. You will not be denied access to services if you choose not to provide certain identifying information.
4. Victim Advocates may be required by law to report certain situations, without permission, such as suspected child abuse or neglect, threats to self or others, or commission of a crime. Even when reports are required to be made, Victim Advocates will not share information beyond what is required by law.
5. Some general information about the types of services provided and overall demographics of people that use services must be shared with agencies that fund the Victims of Crime Program. However, information that specifically could identify you will never be shared unless specifically authorized in writing by you.
6. If you have any concerns about your confidential information, please contact the Senior Victim of Crime Advocate at 989-775-4814.