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Helpful links for victims of crime:

- **Crisis Center of Comal County- Free & Confidential services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault**
 - <https://crisiscenternb.org/>
- **Comal County Criminal District Attorney's office**
 - <https://www.co.comal.tx.us/cda/index.htm>
- **Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Center**
 - <https://www.hillcountry.org/>
- **IMALIVE- Virtual Crisis Center- Online network using instant messaging to respond to people in crisis.**
 - <https://www.imalive.org/>
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
 - <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
- **Connections Individual and Family Services**
 - <https://connectionsifs.org/>
- **River City Advocacy & Counseling Center**
 - <https://rivercityadvocacy.org/>
- **Hope Hospice- Bereavement Services**
 - <https://www.hopehospice.net/>
- **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)**
 - <https://www.madd.org/south-texas/>
- **National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.**
 - San Antonio Chapter <http://www.pomcsanantonio.org/>



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- **Texas Child and Adult Protective Services** - Report abuse
 - <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx>
- **Texas Youth Helpline**
 - https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Youth_Helpline/
- **Texas Dept. of Health and Human Services Commission (Medicaid, Chip, food stamps, TANF)**
 - <https://yourtexasbenefits.hhsc.texas.gov/>
- **US Social Security Administration (Social Security/Supplemental Security Income)**
 - <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- **Comal County Veteran Services** <https://www.co.comal.tx.us/VET.htm>
- **Family Life Center** <https://www.flcnb.org>
- **Family Promise** <https://www.fpgnb.org/>
- **National Domestic Abuse Hotline** <https://www.thehotline.org/>
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline** <https://www.rainn.org/>
- **Texas Council on Family Violence- Survivor Resources-** <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- **Identity Theft Resource Center** <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/>
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** <http://www.aasanantonio.org/>
- **Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid** <https://www.trla.org/>
- **Family Violence Legal Line** www.texasadvocacyproject.org
- **Texas Law Help** <https://texaslawhelp.org/>

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- **Salvation Army** <https://www.salvationarmytexas.org/newbraunfels/>
- **New Braunfels Food Bank** <https://nbfoodbank.org/>

- **Texas Crime Victims' Rights (chapter 56 of the CCP)**
 - <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.56.htm>

- **Texas Constitution, Bill of Rights (Article 1, Section 30)**

Sec. 30. RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS. (a) A crime victim has the following rights:

- (1) the right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process; and
- (2) the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

(b) On the request of a crime victim, the crime victim has the following rights:

- (1) the right to notification of court proceedings;
- (2) the right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial;
- (3) the right to confer with a representative of the prosecutor's office;
- (4) the right to restitution; and
- (5) the right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

(c) The legislature may enact laws to define the term "victim" and to enforce these and other rights of crime victims.

(d) The state, through its prosecuting attorney, has the right to enforce the rights of crime victims.

(e) The legislature may enact laws to provide that a judge, attorney for the state, peace officer, or law enforcement agency is not liable for a failure or inability to provide a right enumerated in this section. The failure or inability of any person to provide a right or service enumerated in this section may not be used by a defendant in a criminal case as a ground for appeal or post-conviction writ of habeas corpus. A victim or guardian or legal representative of a victim has standing to enforce the rights

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enumerated in this section but does not have standing to participate as a party in a criminal proceeding or to contest the disposition of any charge.

IMPORTANT DATES

January:

National Stalking Awareness Month
Human Trafficking Awareness Month

February:

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

April:

National Child Abuse Prevention Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Crime Victims' Week

September:

Suicide Prevention Month

October:

National Domestic Violence Month
National Crime Prevention Month