



The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime

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“Supporting victims of crime is not just the right thing to do. Quality of the police response is the most important element in a victim’s decision whether or not to continue with their case. Better victim care helps improve evidence, and with it the chances of a conviction also increase.”

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*The Code becomes law this April.
Under the Code, police must ensure that:*

- Victims are told shortly after someone is arrested, bailed or charged in connection with their case.
- Victims receive accurate and reliable information at all stages of their case.
- Victims' individual needs are identified as soon as possible, and that information is responded to and passed on to other agencies.

Know your obligations & prepare for the launch in April.

- Download the Code from www.cjsonline.gov.uk
- Make sure you see the training video 'Wake-Up Call' (sent to all forces before Christmas) and complete the e-learning package on victim and witness care (out in February).
- Contact:
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with any queries.