

ACCUSED NAME	CASE NO.	VICTIM
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VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT JUST FOR KIDS

The purpose of a Victim Impact Statement is to tell the court two key things:

1. How you have been affected by the defendant’s criminal behavior (physically, emotionally, financially, etc.) and;
2. What you would recommend for the accused at sentencing.

A Victim Impact Statement is different from the statement of facts, which you may have given to police during their investigation, because rather than describing what happened, you are communicating *how the crime impacted you and what you believe is an appropriate sentence*

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ACCUSED WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF YOUR STATEMENT.

To parents: If your child is too young to read or is just learning to read, you will want to help your child fill out the Victim Impact Statement. When helping your child, you will want to read the directions aloud to your child, talk about what feelings are and what your child may want to think about when they are drawing or writing on the statement. Please do not tell your child what to draw or write. This is your child’s chance to tell the judge how he or she is feeling about what has happened. If your child would rather draw a picture this is okay as well. Should your child become uncomfortable in any way while filling out the Victim Impact Statement, reassure your child that he or she does not have to fill out the form unless he or she wants to. If you need more room, it is fine to attach another sheet of paper.

How do you feel about what happened to you? (Circle as many as you like.)

				
Happy	Sad	Mad	Scared	Other

If you were a judge, what would you do? Circle as many as you like.

- A. send to jail
- B. pay some money
- C. go to a doctor to get help
- D. nothing
- E. stay away from kids
- F. What else? Put your own idea here.

If you want to, you can use this page or attach another page to draw a picture, write a poem, tell a story, or anything else you would like to do to tell the judge about how you are feeling about what has happened to you. If you don’t want to write or draw anything here, that’s okay too.