



CRIME VICTIMS SHOULD NOT FEEL FACELESS You Know Them—It's Personal!

National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Belknap County April 23-29, 2006

These people can be your friends, your neighbors, and family members. ..even YOU!

Statistics indicate that 8 out of 12 Americans will become victims of a crime at least once in their lifetime. It could happen to someone you know—your neighbor, your best friend, a family member. It could happen to you!

In Belknap County, we believe that serving crime victims serves justice. It takes unity in our county's community of people to recognize and understand the rights and needs of crime victims, in order to help victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime. Based on the values of restorative justice, we believe that the offender, the victim, and the community's needs must be met before justice is served.

It is for these reasons that Belknap County recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

National Crime Victim's Rights Week
April 23—29, 2006
Be prepared. Educate yourself about crime victim's rights and services

Important Numbers

Emergency:	911
Your Local Police Department:	SEE INSIDE
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid:	524-2386
NH State Police:	271-3636
Belknap County Sheriff's Department:	527-5454
Div of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF)	
Child Abuse Reporting line:	1-800-894-5533
Elder Abuse Reporting Line:	1-800-949-0470
New Beginnings	528-6511
Website:	http://www.newbeginningsnh.org
Statewide Domestic Violence Number:	1-866-644-3574
Statewide Sexual Assault Number:	1-800-277-5570
NH Victim's Assistance Commission:	1-800-300-4500
NH Attorney General's Office:	271-3671
TDD Access:	1-800-735-2964
Ask OVC (Office for Victims of Crime):	1-800-851-3420
TTY Line:	1-877-712-9279
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc
American Red Cross (Laconia):	524-5414
NH Humane Society Shelter:	524-3252



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The Critical Needs of Crime Victims

One of the most critical needs of a crime victim is to *experience restorative justice*. This happens when crime victims find:

- **Safety** Crime victims need to feel safe. An appropriate community response protects them from further intimidation and harm.
- **Answers** Victims have many questions that must be respectfully answered. Victims need an advocate to help them find these answers.
- **Empowerment** Victims need to know they have some connection to the court process that now involves them. They need a contact within the system to keep them informed.
- **Compensation for Losses** Victims need to feel that steps have been taken to repair the harm that was caused. They need to see that the offender is being held accountable.
- **An Opportunity to Express Their Feelings** Victims need a voice in the process.

*Are YOU a victim of crime? Do you know someone who is?
Help is available.*

Visit www.crimevictims.gov or call 1-866-841-6247

Police Departments in Belknap County:

Alton	603-875-3752	Laconia	603-524-5252
Barnstead	603-269-4281	Meredith	603-279-4561
Belmont	603-267-8350	New Hampton	603-524-8585
Center Harbor	603-527-5454	Sanbornton	603-286-4323
Gilford	603-527-4737	Tilton	603-286-4442
Gilmanton	603-527-5454		

What Crime Fits?—Test Your Knowledge

Match the name of those on the cover to the crime listed on the left.

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| 1. Animal Abuse | _____ | |
| 2. Sexual Assault | _____ | |
| 3. Family Violence | _____ | |
| 4. Arson | _____ | a. Peter |
| 5. Drunk Driving | _____ | b. Ruth |
| 6. Kidnapping | _____ | c. Cindy & Scout |
| 7. Cyber Crime | _____ | d. Rob |
| 8. Hate Crime | _____ | e. Becky |
| 9. Terrorism | _____ | f. Tammy, Don, & Jay |
| 10. Fraud | _____ | g. Melanie |
| 11. Identity Theft | _____ | |
| 12. Robbery | _____ | |
| 13. Stalking | _____ | |
| 14. Homicide | _____ | |
| 15. Human Trafficking | _____ | |
| 16. Assault | _____ | |



ANSWER: ANY combination above is correct. Anyone can be a victim of crime.
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