

VICTIM AWARENESS SESSION - COURT PROCESS - Continued

If you are wanting to have the no contact order dropped a No **Contact Waiver** will have to be filled out. There are three ways you can get the form.

Pick up at RVSS office
email
mailed

The form will then be sent to the crown's office on your behalf.

SAFER Communities Start at HOME

As a parent you have a responsibility to protect your

Ultimately, the safety of the victim and any children is considered the first priority.

To arrange an appointment Victim Awareness Session (VAS)

Please contact: Ranchlands
Victim Services Society (RVSS):
403-627-6040.

Address:
1369 Hunter Street
Pincher Creek, AB
T0K 1W0
Head Office: 403-627-6040
email:
shelly-anne.dennis@rcmpgrc.g.ca
Website:
ranchlandsvictimservices.com

Crown Prosecutor

1-403-381-5211

Please do not contact the Crown Prosecutor prior to the two weeks elapsing as the process can take up to two weeks for the prosecutor to receive the information and make their decision.



Victim Awareness Session Condition Removal Process

(due to COVID)

All sessions are by Zoom

Ranchlands Victim Services Support

Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek,
Piikani (Brocket), Fort MacLeod,
Claresholm Area's

RCMP Detachment's

Crowsnest Pass: 403-562-2867
Pincher Creek: 403-627-6010
Piikani (Brocket): 403-965-2001
Fort MacLeod: 403-553-7200
Claresholm: 403-625-4445

For Emergencies Please
CONTACT : 911

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Important to Remember:

The Criminal Code sets out that it is illegal for any person to aid and abet an offence. This means that anyone assisting another person in committing an offence is also guilty of the same offence.

Who may withdraw the charges that are laid?

Things to Note:

What to do if you want the conditions removed:

Once a charge has been laid only the Crown Prosecutor has the authority to have it withdrawn. Alberta Justice's policy is that the charges of domestic violence when deemed appropriate will normally proceed even when the victim themselves is not requesting them or even so far as does not want charges to proceed.

If you have not received a response within two weeks of the date of your meeting with RCMP, contact the Crown Prosecutor's domestic violence office at 403-388-3143.

All victims are required to attend a Victim Awareness Session (VAS).

This is the first step in the process, and it is a mandatory step.

Going through the court process will reinforce to your partner that abuse towards you is a crime and will not be tolerated. If found guilty, a judge may require your partner to participate in counselling to change behavior patterns and learn to address problems in a nonviolent manner.

Following your completion of the victim awareness session, the (RVSS) staff will contact the crown prosecutor.

Why conditions?

The Criminal Code of Canada provided police with the authority to release an offender with conditions requiring him or her to have no communication with the victim, witnesses (including children) or from going to any place specified. These conditions are put in place to ensure the safety and security of any victim of or witness to the offence.

Following your meeting with the (RVSS) staff, they will consult with the Crown Prosecutor and determine whether or not the conditions will be removed or modified with your safety in mind.

Please note that completing these steps does not guarantee that the conditions will be removed.

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Condition Removal Process

In short, if you allow or permit the person with the no contact condition to contact you; you too could be charged criminally.

Who does what in the criminal justice system

The diagram below illustrates phases of the criminal justice process, from the time a crime is reported until an offender serves a sentence. People who work in the criminal justice system have responsibilities at different phases of the criminal justice process.

