

Some other programs identified with Restorative Justice through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction include:

- ~ Victim Offender Dialogue
- ~ Citizen Circles
- ~ Victim Assistance
- ~ Re-Entry Teams
- ~ Restitution
- ~ Community Service
- ~ Impact of Crime Programming

Notification Services are available for victims through the Office of Victim Services. Some of those notifications include:

- ~ Offender's date to be released from prison
- ~ Upcoming hearings (including parole and clemency)
- ~ Offender's involvement in early release programs (IPP and TC)
- ~ Offender's escape from custody
- ~ Offender's death
- ~ Offender's scheduled execution date in death penalty cases
- ~ Offender's return to a county for a local hearing
- ~ Offender's status regarding transferring to another state for community supervision (Interstate Compact)

To register for notification services, complete the form in this brochure.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Victim Services.

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Apology
Letters



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Apology... the next step in Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is a way of viewing, understanding and responding to crime and the effects it has on victims, communities and offenders. Crime is recognized as harm done to a person and the aim of justice is to promote understanding, accountability and healing. Offenders are held personally responsible to their victim for making amends and, to the extent possible, helping to repair the damage they caused.

Apology Letters written by offenders are an attempt to communicate accountability, remorse, acknowledgement and / or the pain caused by the offense committed.

- ☉ The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction discourages offenders to send letters directly to the victim(s) of their offense.
- ☉ Victims shall determine if they would like to accept a letter of apology or a letter of accountability.

- ☉ Submitted apology letters will be reviewed by a designated committee to determine appropriateness and to provide feedback to the offender on ways to improve the letter, if necessary.
- ☉ Upon receiving an apology letter, victims may wish to participate in other services provided by the Office of Victim Services, such as the Victim-Offender dialogue.
- ☉ The apology letter is not a method of obtaining future contact, such as special or approved visiting into a Correctional Institution.

Apology Letter Bank

Sometimes offenders who are incarcerated write a letter of apology or letter of accountability. The Office of Victim Services within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction discourages offenders from ever sending those letters to the victims directly or through a third party. If a victim is interested in receiving an apology letter from the offender in his or her case, they can complete a Notification Form or contact the Office of Victim Services.

Office of Victim Services Notification Form

- Yes, I would like to be notified if the Office of Victim Services receives an apology letter addressed to me.

Victim Information

Name of person requesting notification

Mailing Address

Daytime Phone #

Evening Phone #

Relationship to Victim

- I am Victim Victim's Spouse Victim's Child
 Victim's Parent Victim's Sibling Advocate
 Other _____

Offender Information

Offender Name

Institution Number

Court Case #

County

DOB

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My signature below indicates that I am requesting to be placed on the Victim Notification list. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Office of Victim Services, in writing of any changes in the information provided on this form.

Signature

Date

Mail form to:
Office of Victim Services
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