

Your Rights as a Victim

It is important that victims of crime be given information about the criminal justice process and that victims of particular crimes understand their rights under the law.

These rights include the following:

- In most cases, a person arrested has the right to make bond and be released from jail prior to trial. Bonds are set by the county courts, acting under State law, not by the police.
- **Misdemeanor Crimes** - Many misdemeanor crimes have pre-set bonds. This means that if the person arrested can post property for, or pay the bond, they are released from jail without a hearing. Examples of misdemeanor crimes include, but are not limited to, simple assault, shoplifting (under a certain dollar amount), harassing phone calls, disorderly conduct, and public drunkenness.
- **Felony Crimes** - Most felony crimes do not have pre-set bonds. This means that the person arrested has to wait for a hearing before a judge before they have the opportunity to pay or post property for a bond to be released from jail. If the judge grants bond and the person arrested can post property or pay the bond, they are released from jail. Examples of felony crimes include but are not limited to, murder, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, rape, forgery, burglary, and armed robbery.
- In some cases, judges may refuse bond. This means the person arrested cannot be released. In some cases, other agencies, such as another police department, sheriff's office, or U.S. Immigration may place a "hold" on the person arrested. The person arrested should not be released until the "hold" is lifted by the agency that has placed it.
- You have the right to be notified when the accused person is arrested or released. If you wish to exercise this right, you must complete a brief form with your contact information. This form is available from the police agency responsible for your case, or from the county magistrate court.
- Upon receipt of your request for notification, you should be notified by telephone at the telephone numbers you provide when the accused person is arrested or released or when a judicial proceeding contemplating the accused person's release is scheduled. Because of time limitations, you may not always receive notification of a bond hearing.
- State law allows compensation for victims of certain crimes. For more information about victim compensation, call the Governor's Victim Assistance Help Line at the number listed in the brochure.

When you have questions or concerns about your case, use the telephone numbers in this brochure to call the appropriate agency or agencies.

Community Resource Numbers

Emory University Police Department	404.727.6111
City of Oxford Police Department	9-1-1 or 770.788.1390
Newton County Sheriff's Office	9-1-1 or 678.625.1400
Newton County Superior Court	770.784.2035
Newton County Clerk of the Court Temporary Protective Order (TPO)	404.658.6940
Newton County District Attorney Victim Advocate	770.784.2070 770.784.2070
Governor's Victim Assistance Help Line	800.338.6745
Applications for Victim Compensation (Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council)	1.800.547.0060 or 404.657.2222
Piedmont Newton Hospital	770.786.7053
Emory Hillandale Hospital (Lithonia)	404.501.8000
DeKalb County Day League (DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale)	404.377.1428
Georgia Coalition against Domestic Violence	1.800.33.HAVEN (or 800.334.2836)
Project ReNeWal Domestic Violence Intervention Program	770.860.1666

Emory-Specific Resource Numbers

Emory University Police Department

24-hour Emergency & Non-Emergency	404.727.6111
Administration	404.727.6115
Records	404.727.5459

Oxford College Center for Wellbeing

Emergency on-call (RLC on-call)	770.784.8394
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Oxford College Student Health Services

	770.784.8376
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Emory Women's Center

	404.727.2003
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Emory Department of Title IX

	404.727.0541
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Emory Trustline

	1.888.550.8850
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Emory TIPS Line

	404.727.TIPS (8477)
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Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)

	404.727.WELL (9355)
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Emory Threat Assessment Team

	833.442.2369
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Emory Help Line

	404.727.HELP (4357)
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Emory Ombuds Office

	404.727.1531
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Emory Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

	404.727.0434
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Emory Counseling & Career Services

	770.784.8394
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Newton County Campuses:

Oxford Campus

Emory University Police Department

Oxford Campus Precinct

402 W. Moore St.

Oxford, GA 30054

EPD Headquarters

1784 N. Decatur Rd., Suite G01

Atlanta, GA 30322

404-727-6111

<https://police.emory.edu/>

Scan the QR code for a full list of resources



<https://police.emory.edu/services/victims.html>

EPD Case #: _____

EPD Officer name & Badge

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