

***What should you do  
if YOU become a  
crime victim?***

- Tell a trusted adult (parent, guardian, school nurse, guidance counselor);
- Ask for help to a safe and secure place;
- Call the police at 911; and
- Ask for additional help by calling:

***240-777-1355***

for counseling and victim assistance help following general crimes. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Evening hours are available.

***240-777-HELP (4357)***

for immediate crisis counseling after a crime.

***240-777-1347***

for hearing impaired individuals.

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***Victim Assistance  
And  
Sexual Assault Program***

Montgomery County, Maryland  
Department of Health and  
Human Services  
Behavioral Health and Crisis Services  
Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault  
Program  
1301 Piccard Drive, Suite 4100  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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**T**im was waiting for the school bus. Some older, bigger boys asked him for money. When he refused, two boys held him while the third boy stole his backpack.

***Under Maryland law,  
this is robbery - a  
felony.***

Everyday after school, Mark is followed by a group of boys who call him names, threaten to beat him up, and chase him into the woods near his home. They threaten to do more to him if he tells anyone.

**Under Maryland law, this is harassment, and second degree assault - both misdemeanors.**

Rachel receives threatening notes at school, and culturally offensive symbols are drawn on her locker because she dresses and speaks differently than other classmates.

**Under Maryland law, this is a hate crime - a misdemeanor.**

Three students from another school come to your school and set off tear gas. Many teachers and students feel sick.

**Under Maryland law, this is second degree assault - a misdemeanor.**

Lisa just started dating Todd. Todd's old girlfriend, Kristen, and three of her friends are waiting for Lisa at the bus stop. When she gets off the bus they knock her to the ground. Kristen kicks her while the others hold her down.

**Under Maryland law, this is second degree assault - a misdemeanor.**

Tom's uncle who lived in Frederick was killed during a robbery at his convenience store. Tom was very close to him and used to spend the summer with his uncle. Tom and his mom have been very sad since his uncle's death. Tom feels very angry at times and doesn't know why; at other times he feels scared.

**Under Maryland law, this is murder - a felony.**

Joe goes to his car to drive to school. He sees that the windshield has been smashed and his expensive stereo system stolen.

**Under Maryland law, this is destruction of property and theft over \$300.00 - a misdemeanor and a felony.**

Tuy keeps her horse at a horse boarding farm. Tuy just learned that someone set fire to the barn and her horse barely got out before the barn burned down.

**Under Maryland law, this is arson, a felony.**

Maria is at a party at Bill's house. Keith, a boy from another school got drunk and was asked to leave the party by Bill. Keith came back and tried to stab Bill and Maria got in the way. She was stabbed in the arm and couldn't play softball anymore.

**Under Maryland law, this is first degree assault - a felony.**