



MADD CANADA'S VICTIM SERVICES



DEFINITION OF A VICTIM

- An individual **injured** by the actions of a driver under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- An individual **affected by death** or injury caused as a result of the actions of a driver under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



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- **Emotional Support:**
Victim Advocates and victims from the Chapter offer one to one peer support. Some chapters run victim support groups.
- **Court Accompaniment & Support:**
provided during the criminal trial process.

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- **Helping Victims Know Their Rights Under The Law:**

for example, helping victims become aware of their right to submit a **Victim Impact Statement** to the courts and assistance with completing the statement, if required.

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- **Advocacy For Victim Rights Under The Law:**

Volunteers and National Staff advocate for a stronger voice and position for victims within the Criminal Justice System.



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- **National Resource Guide:**
contains Federal & Provincial resources for all victims of crime but specifically for victims of impaired driving.
- **Lending Library:**
topics range from Coping with Injury to Restorative Justice

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- **Annual Candlelight Vigil & Victims' Weekend:**

Both events provide the chance for victims to come together and honour and remember their loved one(s) who have been killed or injured in impaired driving crashes. The Victims' Weekend includes educational presentations by professionals in the community on areas related to grief, bereavement, coping with injury, etc.

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○ **Brochures:**

- Trauma, Loss & Bereavement
- A Guide To the Criminal Justice System For Victims Of Impaired Driving
- Understanding the Consequences of a Loved One's Drinking and Driving
- Coping With Life After Injury

○ **Holidays & Hope:**

a supportive guide for handling traumatic grief during the holidays.



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- **“We Care”** is a comprehensive information package for victims of impaired driving. It is to be given directly to victims soon after an impaired driving crash. It can also be found on our website. This package is also provided to hospitals, funeral homes, police victim services agencies, etc.



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- **Referrals:**

to other community groups or agencies for assistance (Counseling, legal assistance, bereavement support groups etc)

- **Injury Resource Listing:**

Listings for Brain & Spinal Cord injuries, and physical disabilities

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- **Court Monitoring:**

Volunteers attend court and keep track of impaired driving charges and how they are handled. Court Monitoring is done to encourage the justice system to recognize the seriousness of the crime and to sentence offenders accordingly.

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- **On Line/Memorial Wall Victim Tributes:**

Tributes are located through our website and on the National wall where victims and their families can have a picture of their loved one(s) who have been killed or injured, placed on the site with a tribute message.



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- VICTIM SUPPORT TOLL-FREE
LINE:

1-800-665-6233