

# GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

## BOARD OF PAROLE

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- 🌐 [www.tn.gov/bop](http://www.tn.gov/bop)

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- ☎ (615) 741-1696
- ✉ [Contact@tndagc.org](mailto:Contact@tndagc.org)
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## CRIMINAL INJURY COMPENSATION

*DIVISION OF CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION*

- ☎ (615) 741-2734
- ☎ (866) 960-6039
- ✉ [CIC\\_Tennessee@corvel.com](mailto:CIC_Tennessee@corvel.com)
- 🌐 [treasury.tn.gov/injury/index](http://treasury.tn.gov/injury/index)

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- ☎ (615) 741-8109
- ☎ (615) 532-1971
- 🌐 [www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral](http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral)

## TDOC VICTIM SERVICES MISSION

*To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.*



## INQUIRIES?

SEE OUR CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



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# VICTIM SERVICES

*SUPPORTING VICTIMS  
& THEIR FAMILIES*

**TN**

Department of  
**Correction**



## VICTIM SERVICES PROVIDES

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions.
- Registration for victim notification regarding any hearings, decisions, release dates, movement to a prison designated with a lower security level, escape of an offender, and pending execution.
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls, correspondence from an offender.

## VICTIM SERVICES ACTIVITIES

- We provide community education programs.
- We coordinate with the Board of Parole, Office of the Attorney General, and the Tennessee District Attorney's General Office to respond to victims' concerns.
- We educate TDOC staff to increase collaboration with other victim advocates.

**We want to reduce recidivism by increasing offenders' awareness of the negative impact of crime on their victims and others.**

## PROGRAMS

### VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE (VOD)

VOD is a program that provides victims of violent crimes an opportunity to have a structured face-to-face conversation with the offender who committed the crime. The focus is on the deep harm that is done to victims and the offender's personal responsibility for these harms while hearing the impact of their actions.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### AS A CRIME VICTIM, WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF UPCOMING PAROLE HEARINGS OR RELEASE DATES FOR THE OFFENDER?

To receive notification of upcoming parole hearings, release dates, escape of an offender, or pending execution, you must contact TDOC Victim Services to register with either the Tennessee Department of Correction, or the Board of Parole

Registration forms are also available online at: [www.tn.gov/correction](http://www.tn.gov/correction)

### IF I REGISTER, WILL MY CONTACT INFORMATION BE SAFE?

As of July 1, 2009, all contact information from interested persons requesting notification about inmates is maintained as confidential.

### WHY WAS THE OFFENDER MOVED TO A PRISON WITH A LOWER SECURITY DESIGNATION?

TDOC moves offenders for many reasons. Lower security designation does not mean the facility is less secure; it refers to a prison that is limited to the inmate custody levels that can be housed there.

### WHY DOES THE OFFENDERS RELEASE DATE CONTINUE TO CHANGE TO AN EARLIER DATE?

Most judgment orders for offenders require that they serve a percentage of the whole sentence. Release dates are also subject to change based on good behavior or successful completion of specific programs.