UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

Office of Victim Services

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) at the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is tasked with safeguarding the constitutional rights of crime victims and providing for their emotional needs during a very difficult time, as well as educating the campus community about our services and issues pertaining to violence.

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WHO CAN OVS HELP?

The Office of Victim Services can provide assistance to anyone who has been the victim of a crime on the University of Florida campus, regardless of his or her affiliation to the university, and any UF student, faculty, or staff member who has been the victim of a crime, regardless of the location of the crime.

OVS can also provide assistance to someone whether or not the crime is reported to law enforcement, whether or not the situation constitutes a crime (eg. workplace sexual harassment), and regardless of the victim's gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, or religion.

HOW CAN A VICTIM ADVOCATE HELP ME?

OVS provides a wide range of free and confidential services that are catered to each individual's needs. Some services include:

- Crisis intervention and emergency assistance
- Serving as a liason with campus offices and departments including that could act as resources
- Advocate for students with professors if special accomodations are necessary
- Education about the criminal justice system
- Assisting with filing a police report
- Provide accompaniment and/or transportation to civil and/or criminal justice hearings and proceedings
- Provide referrals to other necessary resources both on and off campus

www.police.ufl.edu/victim-services/