

Victims Register

What you need to know

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) Victims Register (VR) provides eligible persons (EP) with important information about events in the sentences of those who they are registered against. This information may assist in the implementation of safety strategies.

The VR is established under section 320 of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (CSA). Details of EPs registered with the VR and the information provided to them is confidential and is not disclosed to the prisoner.

To register, the prisoner must be in a QCS correctional facility or supervised in the community by QCS for a sentenced period of imprisonment, subject to a continuing detention or supervision order under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* (DPSOA) or classified as a homicide offender, in accordance with section 323 of the CSA.

Applying for the VR

A person is eligible to register against a prisoner who has a sentence for a violent/sexual offence, when they are:

- the victim of the offence (regardless of age)
- an immediate family member of the deceased victim
- the parent/guardian of a victim who is under 18 years
- the parent/guardian of a victim with a legal incapacity
- able to show documented evidence of violence against them by the prisoner
- able to show their life or physical safety is endangered due to a connection between them and the offence – e.g. witness or information.

A person is eligible to register against a prisoner who has been sentenced for **any offence**, when they are:

- able to show evidence of domestic violence against them by the prisoner
- in danger because of a risk of domestic violence committed by the prisoner.

A person is eligible to register against a homicide offender (regardless of current sentence) when they are:

- an immediate family member of the deceased victim
- the registration is warranted because of the effect of the homicide offence on the person
- in danger because of a connection between either the prisoner or the homicide offence.

Why apply?

Certain information must be given to an EP. This information includes:

- the prisoner's eligibility dates for discharge or release
- the prisoner's date of discharge or release
- the death or escape of a prisoner
- any circumstances relating to the prisoner which

could reasonably be expected to endanger the EP's life or physical safety

- if the prisoner is a No Body No Parole prisoner, whether a 'no cooperation' declaration is in force.

Information that may be available to an eligible person includes:

- the prisoner's current QCS location
- the prisoner's movement between QCS facilities, interstate or overseas
- the length of the prisoner's prison sentence
- the results of parole applications and decisions.

Some rights and benefits for EPs include:

- the VR will notify an EP when a prisoner applies for parole (excluding exceptional circumstances parole) and are provided a submission form should they wish to advise of any concerns about the prisoner's release
- notification of No Body No Parole hearings and support throughout this process
- opportunity for an EP to make a submission to the Supreme Court when a prisoner or offender is under the DPSOA
- where a prisoner is subject to Restricted Prisoner declaration considerations, EPs are notified when victim submissions are sought by PBQ.
- EPs registered against a homicide offender will remain registered indefinitely and be notified if/when a person returns to QCS custody or supervision.

Contact the Victims Register for more information:

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SMS: 0429 869 098

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Victims Register, GPO Box 1054,
Brisbane, Queensland 4001

qld.gov.au/law/your-rights/victim-rights-and-complaints/victims-registers/adult

Enquiry form: corrections.qld.gov.au/victims-register

Search for a prisoner location (QCS custodial facility) - corrections.qld.gov.au/prisoner-search-page

Operational hours are 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

