

- Our services are free for victims, their families and witnesses.
- Our services are completely confidential and independent of the Courts Service, Director of Public Prosecutions and An Garda Síochána.
- We can help you get to know the court before proceedings begin.
- We can accompany you throughout the trial.
- We can make sure you have a safe space within the court complex, away from the public, legal teams and defendants.
- We can signpost you to other agencies that might be able to help.



Office Hours

9am- 5pm on Monday to Friday

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VICTIM SUPPORT AT COURT



If you are THE victim of a crime we are there to help...

Who We Are

Victim Support at Court (V-SAC) is a voluntary organisation that specialises in the provision of court accompaniment by highly trained and skilled volunteers to victims of crime and their families or witnesses while they attend court.

Our aim is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all victims of crime, their families or witnesses while they attend court.

Since it was established in 2005, V-SAC has helped thousands of people who have had to come to court as victims or witnesses. We also work with victims' families as appropriate.

We are a charity that is directed and overseen by a voluntary Board. We are funded by the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime and by voluntary donations. The service we provide is free and operates independently of the Courts Service of Ireland, the Director of Public Prosecutions and An Garda Síochána.

What We Do

We provide:

- Pre-trial visits which allow victims of crime, their families or witnesses to experience a court setting in advance of the trial. We explain the layout, who you will see in court and what you can expect to happen.
- Trained volunteers who will accompany you in the courtroom throughout the court proceedings.
- A secure area away from the general public to ensure privacy and confidentiality throughout the trial.
- A referral service for victims of crime, their families or witnesses to other support agencies or organisations as and when appropriate.
- The trials where we give assistance involve criminal offences including murder, manslaughter, death by dangerous driving, attempted murder, rape, sexual assault, assault, harassment, human trafficking, robbery, aggravated burglary, theft, arson and tiger kidnappings.

We also aid in District Court and Circuit Court cases.

How Can You Help Us?

Do you think you could be a V-SAC Volunteer?

If you think you could help someone who has been affected by violent crime, we can provide the training and support for you to work with the service.

Do you think you could make a donation to V-SAC?

Victim Support at Court is a charity (CHY 20042) and is funded solely by grant aid from the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime, small grants and voluntary donations.

If you are interested in volunteering, can make or donation of any size or can assist with a fundraising idea please contact the Manager at manager@vsac.ie, call **01 872 6785 / 087 288 5521** or visit our website www.vsac.ie.

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