

YOUR RIGHTS WITH THE PRESS

You have the right to:

- ✓ be treated with dignity and respect by the media.
- ✓ say "no" to an interview.
- ✓ select the spokesperson or advocate of your choice.
- ✓ select the time and location for media interviews.
- ✓ request a specific reporter.
- ✓ release a written statement through a spokesperson in lieu of an interview.
- ✓ say "no" to an interview even though you have previously granted interviews.
- ✓ refuse an interview with a specific reporter even though you have granted interviews to other reporters.
- ✓ exclude children from interviews.
- ✓ refrain from answering any questions which make you feel uncomfortable or are inappropriate.
- ✓ know in advance what direction the story about your victimization or the victimization of a loved one is going to take.
- ✓ ask to review your quotations in a storyline prior to publication.
- ✓ avoid a press conference atmosphere and speak only to one reporter at a time.
- ✓ demand a retraction when inaccurate or misleading information is reported.
- ✓ ask that offensive photographs or images be removed from a newspaper, magazine or TV.
- ✓ conduct an interview using a silhouette or without having your photograph taken.
- ✓ give your side of the story related to the victimization.
- ✓ avoid answering reporters' questions during trial.
- ✓ file a formal complaint against a reporter.
- ✓ **grieve in privacy.**

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