

Policy Type: **ENDS**

Policy Title: **Assistance to Victims of Crime**
Reference: *Police Services Act, R.S.O.*
1990, section 1, principle 4



Policy Statement

The police are often the first point of contact within the criminal justice system for victims of crime, who have a wide range of needs based on their own unique circumstances. Having experienced the trauma of being victimized, all victims deserve special care and attention.

It is the policy of the Durham Regional Police Services Board that the Durham Regional Police Service will extend victims of crime an abundance of respect and understanding and appropriate levels of support and services.

Reporting

An assessment of assistance to victims of crime in Durham Region shall rely upon quantitative and qualitative analyses of relevant data, information and public input.

The Chief shall report annually on outcomes resulting from this policy.