

Safety Issues for Victims/Survivors

How can I be notified of the offender's release?

The Department of Corrections has a confidential Victim Services Unit that can notify you 30 days before the offender's release. **You must enroll in this program and provide them with your contact information in order for them to notify you.** It is extremely important that you keep this information updated if you move.

What happens if the offender is released?

If the ISRB determines that the offender is not a risk to commit future sex offenses if released, then the offender will be released from the prison facility on their earned release date. All "CCB" sex offenders are required to register with the Sheriff's office serving the county that the offender will reside in within 24 hours of release for community notification purposes. Also, they will be supervised by a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) for their maximum sentence (life, 10 years or 5 years, depending on the crime) and must follow the conditions set forth in the Judgment and Sentence imposed by the judge.

How can I protect myself?

Every case is sensitive and decisions must be made based on individual factors. Before choosing to participate in this process, victims and their survivors need to reflect on whether their participation will create a safety risk to themselves and their families. Victim/survivors are encouraged to develop a safety plan with the assistance of their local community based sexual assault, domestic violence program advocates or OCVA prior to the offender's release.

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Will my information be kept confidential?

If requested by the offender, the ISRB must provide at least a summary of the information that they received and considered in making its decision to the offender or their attorney. If a request is made for your statement, all your identifying information will be redacted from the statement. This does not guarantee confidentiality, however. Please contact OCVA to discuss your concerns and how they can be met.

Resources for Victims

Dept. of Corrections
Victim Services Program:
1-800-322-2201

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault
Programs:
(360) 754-7583

Washington Coalition Against Domestic
Violence: (206) 389-2515

Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board:
(360) 493-9266
or to learn more about "Determinate Plus
Sentencing" go to: www.srb.wa.gov

Families and Friends of Violent Crime
Victims:
1-800-346-7555

Address Confidentiality Program:
1-800-822-1065

If you have questions, concerns or need assistance about the CCB process, please contact OCVA. We are available to offer support and information to you.

COMMUNITY CUSTODY BOARD CASES

*Information
Victims Need to
Know*

*Understanding the new sentencing structure
and how it affects the victims of certain
sexual offenses*



Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

1-800-822-1067

What are Community Custody Board Cases? (CCB's)

The Review Process

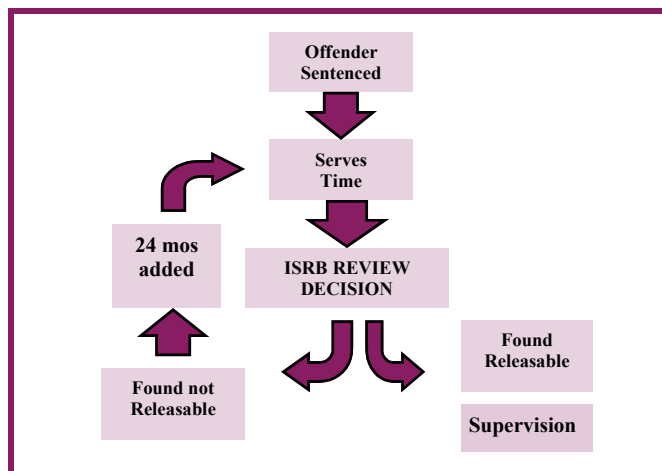
Victim Input

After Sept. 1, 2001 offenders convicted of certain sex offenses are required to undergo a review process before they are released from prison. The purpose of this review process is to determine the level of risk that the offender poses to the community to commit **future sex offenses**.

Assessments which measure the level of risk that an offender poses to commit a future sex offense are applied to each offender. These risk assessments help the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board to decide whether it is *“more likely than not that the offender will commit a future sex offense if released from prison”*.

If the ISRB makes a determination not to release the offender, the prison term will be extended an additional 24 months. Before that prison term ends another review process will take place.

These reviews will be repeated at the end of each 24 month period until the offender is found releasable, or the statutory maximum of the offender's sentence is reached. In some cases that statutory maximum can be 5 years, 10 years or continue for the offender's life.



When does the review process happen?

The Board reviews the offender's case 90 days prior to the offender's earned release date. This review can occur very quickly after the offender is sentenced by a judge if the offender has a short prison term to serve.

It is therefore essential for victims to provide their contact information to OCVA and/or enroll in the Dept. of Corrections Victim Services Program as soon as possible in order to be notified when this process occurs.

It will take 6-8 weeks after the review date for the Board to publish its final decision. If you would like to know the results of the final decision, please contact OCVA and you will be provided with a copy of that decision.

Victims have a statutory right to provide input when any offender's release is being considered. If you are the victim or survivor of a victim of a CCB case, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the review process by making a statement to the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board.

The details of the crime and the impact that it has had upon you are crucial to the ISRB review process as well as setting an offender's community risk level. Additionally, this information is helpful to the Dept. of Corrections in making decisions about managing offenders while they are supervised after their release from prison.

Your participation can be via :

- ◆ **Written statement**
- ◆ **Audio-taped statement**
- ◆ **Videotaped statement**
- ◆ **Telephonically**
- ◆ **In-person meeting with the ISRB members**

To receive assistance and information about participating in the Community Custody Board review process, please contact the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy at 1-800-822-1067 or www.ocva.wa.gov.