

# Support for those affected by Homicide

*Professional counselling support and advocacy*

## Victim Support Service Inc

Victim Support Service (VSS) is a community based not-for-profit organisation in South Australia. Qualified staff provide a comprehensive range of services for people who have suffered as a result of a criminal offence. This includes individual crime victims, their families, friends and the wider community.

VSS started as a small support group and has grown into the state-wide service delivery and advocacy body it is today.

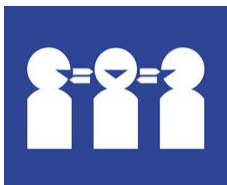
## Services

- Professional counselling, advocacy and support
- Support service for those affected by homicide
- Information about victims' rights and Victims of Crime Compensation
- Information about the risks of crime and methods to improve safety
- Support groups for crime victims
- Court preparation programs for adults and children who need to appear in court as witnesses
- A Court Companion service which provides support and information for victims and witnesses for the prosecution when they are required to attend court
- Assistance with preparation of Victim Impact Statements
- Training seminars for professionals who have contact with victims of crime
- Presentations to community groups
- Advocacy for reform to the criminal justice system
- Resource Centre and free Borrowers' Club

## Interpreters

VSS will provide, free of charge, an interpreter for speakers of community languages who are receiving direct service from the organisation.

If you need an interpreter, please call the [Translating and Interpreting service \(TIS National\)](#) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone VSS on (08) 8231 5626. Our business hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



## Useful Contact Numbers

Victim Support Service  
**8231 5626** or **1800 182 368 (country toll free)**

Victim Contact Officers (VCOs) at Major Crime Investigation Branch  
**8463 7840** or at **your Police Local Service Area listed in the White Pages**

Coroner's Office Social Workers  
**8204 0600**

Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) and  
Witness Assistance Service (WAS)  
**8207 1529** or **1800 505 404 (toll free)**

Homicide Victims Support Group  
**8301 4200** or **0449 144 935 (after hours)**

Compensation for Victims of Crime  
**8207 1687 (Manager of Victims of Crime & Debt Recovery Section)**

Crisis Care  
**131 611**

Lifeline  
**131 114**

*Services for individuals and families are confidential and free of charge.*