

Services and Functions provided by the District Attorney's Office...

Wis. Stat. Ch. 978 establishes the County Office of the District Attorney. The office is tasked with representing the People of the State of Wisconsin and Rock County in court proceedings. The District Attorney and his staff prosecute state criminal matters, forfeiture actions, state and county traffic code and ordinance violations, Department of Natural Resources violations, juvenile, domestic abuse, and harassment cases. Additionally, the District Attorney operates the Victim/Witness Program which provides support to victims and witnesses of crime, as well as the Diversion/Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) which provide programming to offenders for a reduction of their charges.

The Presumption of Innocence...

A formal criminal charge against a person, whether contained in a criminal complaint or an information, constitutes only the legal allegation of criminal conduct. In the United States, an accused person is presumed to be innocent of any alleged crime unless a judge or jury finds them guilty in a court of law. All information on our website regarding cases handled by the Rock County District Attorney's Office is being provided solely for the purposes of public information and awareness.

Contact Information

Main Office: 608-757-5615

Victim-Witness Program: 608-757-5569

Diversion/Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP): 608-757-5677

**Seeking Justice.
Protecting Victims.
Serving the
Community.**



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WHAT WE DO...

We represent the citizens of Rock County. It is the District Attorney's duty to seek justice by prosecuting individuals when there is probable cause to believe they have committed a crime within Rock County.

Victim-Witness Program

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program is an integral part of the Rock County District Attorney's Office. This Program was established to assist victims, witnesses and family members of crime victims in understanding how the criminal court process works. We recognize that being a victim or witness of a crime is a difficult and often traumatic experience. We will try to make your experience within the criminal justice system as comfortable as possible, while understanding the tremendous impact that any crime has on the personal life of the victim, witnesses and family members.

Diversion/Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)

Diversion is a program whereby a person facing criminal (no felonies) or county ordinance charges is diverted from the criminal court process. To be eligible to participate, an offender must meet specific criteria, attend an education session and pay restitution (if any is ordered). Upon successful completion of the program, the charges are dismissed.

DVIP is for individuals charged with domestic violence crimes. To be eligible to participate, an offender must accept responsibility for their actions and have an offer from the ADA to participate. This program consists of group sessions and upon successful completion, the charges will be reduced or amended.

FAQs

I have been charged with a crime. I would like an attorney to represent me, but I cannot afford one. What can I do?

- Contact the State Public Defender's Office at 608-758-6170.

When can I speak with the prosecuting attorney assigned to my case?

- After the initial appearance. If you are charged with a crime, you have the right to be represented by an attorney. The Court will fully advise you of your rights at your initial appearance.
- If you are a defendant and have hired an attorney, our office is only able to speak with your attorney regarding your case.

I have an ordinance, DNR, speeding or OWI ticket. When can I talk to the prosecutor handling the matter?

- At or after the initial appearance. If an attorney represents you, our office is only able to speak with your attorney regarding your case.

My adult child (or minor child facing adult charges) has a matter with your office. Can I speak to someone in your office regarding my child's case?

- We cannot speak to a parent without the child, a/k/a defendant, present.

What happens if I miss my court date?

- If your court appearance was a mandatory appearance, a bench warrant may be ordered for your arrest.
- If you have an attorney, you will need to contact your attorney in order to arrange to have the bench warrant recalled.
- If you were required to appear before a judge and an attorney does not represent you, you will need to contact the judicial assistant at 608-743-2225 to have your case scheduled in order to have the bench warrant recalled.
- If you were required to appear before a court commissioner and an attorney does not represent you, you may request our office to schedule an appearance in order to have the bench warrant recalled.

Does your office handle civil matters?

- Our office does not handle civil matters. You will need to contact a private attorney.

For more FAQs, visit:
<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/da-faqs>