

Victim Awareness

6 30-minute sessions

Course Description:

Victim Awareness is a six-session series focusing on the impact crime has on the victim and on the community. Most offenders never stop to consider the serious effects their crimes have on their victims and other related individuals. This course is designed to increase the participants' awareness of crime and its victims, and to introduce new concepts.

This course, produced in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, is covered in six 30-minute sessions.

Intended Audience: Transitioning offenders

Course Objectives:

Session 1 defines "victim awareness," and introduces the offender to his or her victims. Students are asked to change their thinking. Sessions 2 & 3 focus on property crimes: theft, burglary, robbery, and arson. Sessions 4, 5 & 6 contemplate personal injury crimes:

aggravated assault, DUI, and sexual violence. In each 30-minute session, students will hear the stories of victims, and offenders, watch re-enactments of crimes, and read multiple crime scenarios. The instructor will guide students in identifying and adding up the emotional, physical, and financial costs of crime.

Course Scope and Sequence:

Session 1: Weighing the Impact

Session 2: Getting Real

Session 3: Adding Up the Costs

Session 4: Someone's Gonna Get Hurt

Session 5: Dying for a Drink

Session 6: The Ultimate Violation