

Considerations on how to achieve victim rights for a broad spectrum of victims

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All victims of crimes, traffic accidents or disasters deserve support.
Every year we help hundreds of thousands of victims.

[Dutch victim support in 90 seconds ENG subtitles on Vimeo](#)

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73.743

Violence



66.914

Capital



10.081

Sexual
offence



31.249

Traffic



24.362

Others

Offline services





Website visits



Online services and
tailored advice

Self-test stress complaints (with login)

With the Recovery Meter you bring your **stress complaints** and map recovery. You will receive tips to reduce your complaints. We advise you to complete the test every week. This way you get a grip on your recovery.

Log in to My Victim Support with DigiD to use the Recovery Meter.

♡ Do the Recovery Meter

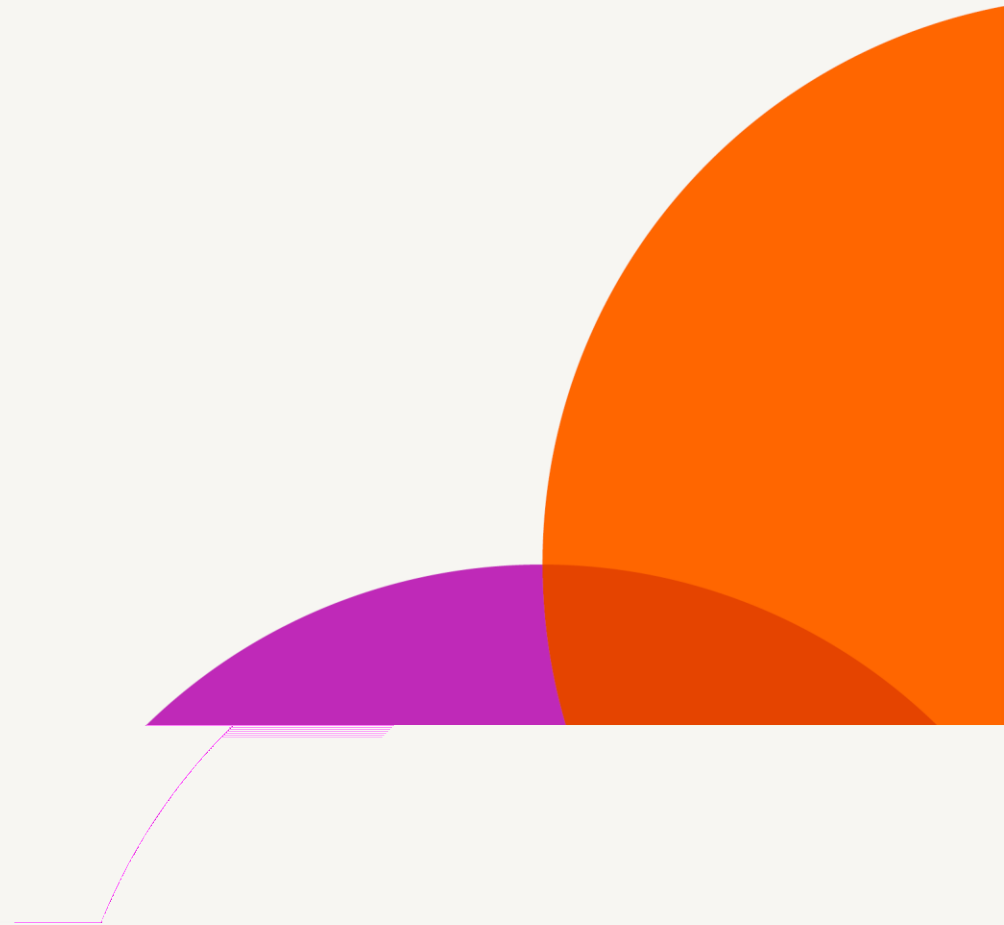
Self-test stress complaints (without login)

The self-test stress complaints (Mirror) shows whether you suffer from **stress complaints** because of what happened to you. You will receive advice on what you can do to reduce or disappear your complaints.

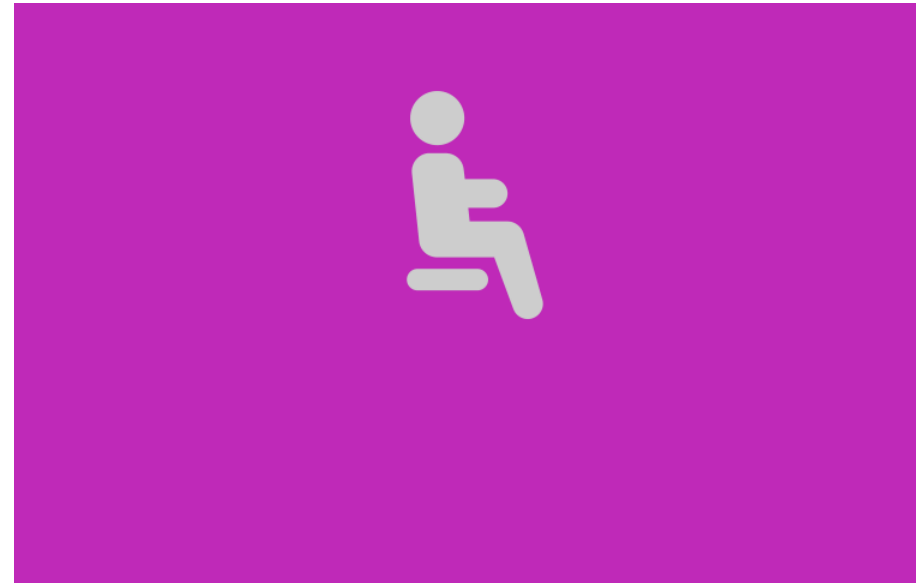
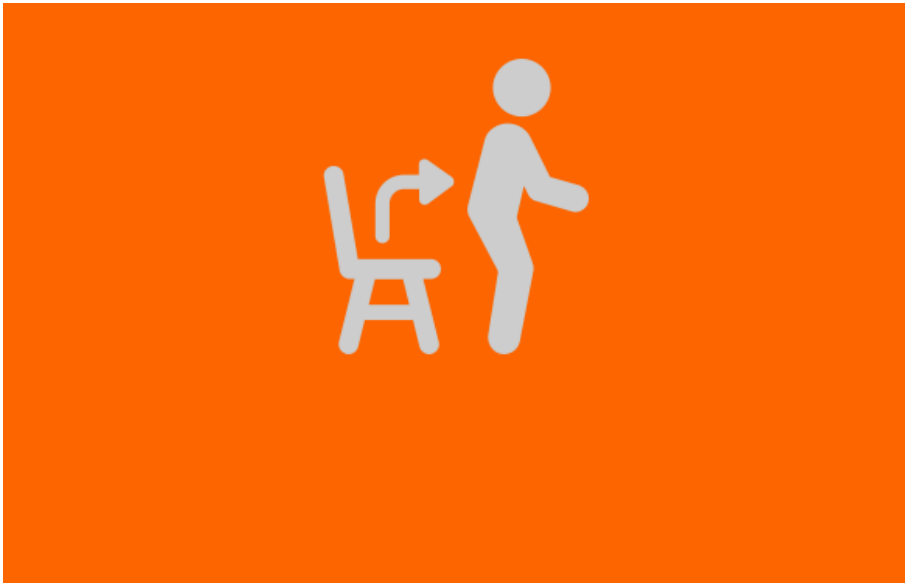
You do not need to log in for this test. You can also complete the test for someone else.

♡ Do the self-test





We will now present some dilemmas in an interactive session.



Facts:

A house burned down

Neighbours saw people running away



Should we help the residents with emotional and practical support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?

Only for the standing people

Fact:

A house burned down



Should we help the residents with emotional and practical support?

Stay up if we should, sit down if we shouldn't

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?

Is it important that there is (a suspicion of a) crime?

Fact

Someone caused a fatal traffic accident

There is a great emotional impact on the driver who caused the traffic accident

Should we help the driver with emotional support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?



Only for the standing people



Fact

Someone caused a fatal traffic accident

There is a great emotional impact on the driver who caused the accident

The police starts an investigation (alcohol abuse)

Should we help the driver with emotional support?

Stay up if we should, sit down if we shouldn't

Why did you sit down this time?

If someone causes an accident and a criminal investigation is started does that make a difference?

Fact

There is a women killed

The killer has a mother

The emotional impact on the mother is great

Should we help the mother with emotional support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?



For everyone

Fact

There is a women killed by her husband. The killer has a mother.

The emotional impact on the mother is great because she lost her daughter in law

Should we help the mother with emotional support?

Stay up if we should, sit down if we shouldn't

Who made a different choice this time and why?



If someone is a relative of a criminal, does it make a difference if someone is also the relative of the victim?

Fact

Someone is missed at work

Colleagues find him dead in his house, he had a heart attack

The emotional impact on the colleagues is great

Should we help with emotional support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?



Fact

Someone is missed at work

Colleagues find him dead in his house, a crime has clearly been committed

The emotional impact on the colleagues is great

Should we help with emotional support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?



Someone is found dead, the people who found him want support. Does it make a difference if there was (a suspicion of) a crime?



Fact

Someone is missing

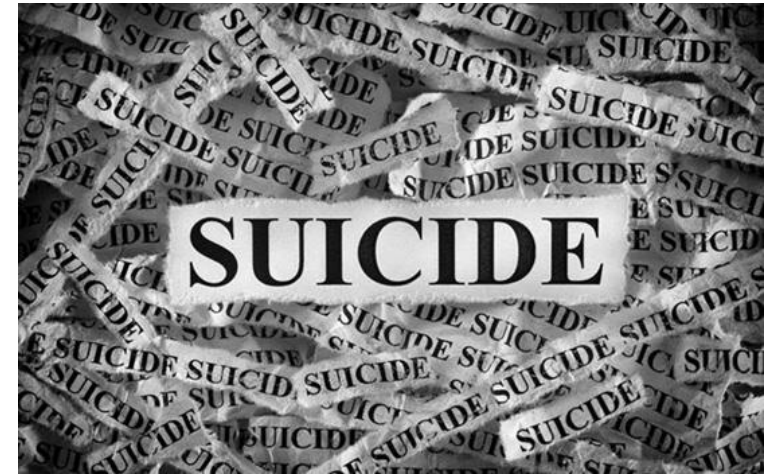
The impact is complex, there is need for legal, emotional and practical support

The only organisation that offers that combination is victim support

Should we give the needed support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?



Fact

Someone is the wife of a man who committed suicide

The impact is great, there is need for emotional and practical support

The needed competences can be find in victim support

Should we give the needed support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?

Should victim support offer support if there is a gap?



Fact

Athletes are abused by their coaches in their youth

The abuse isn't a crime they fall under disciplinary law

There is a need for emotional support and support with the disciplinary case.

Should we give the needed support?

Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?

Is criminal law the only legal context where we offer help?



Fact:

There is European law for whistle blowers

Part of the obligations under European law is to offer emotional support

The government hopes to fill this obligation by using victim support

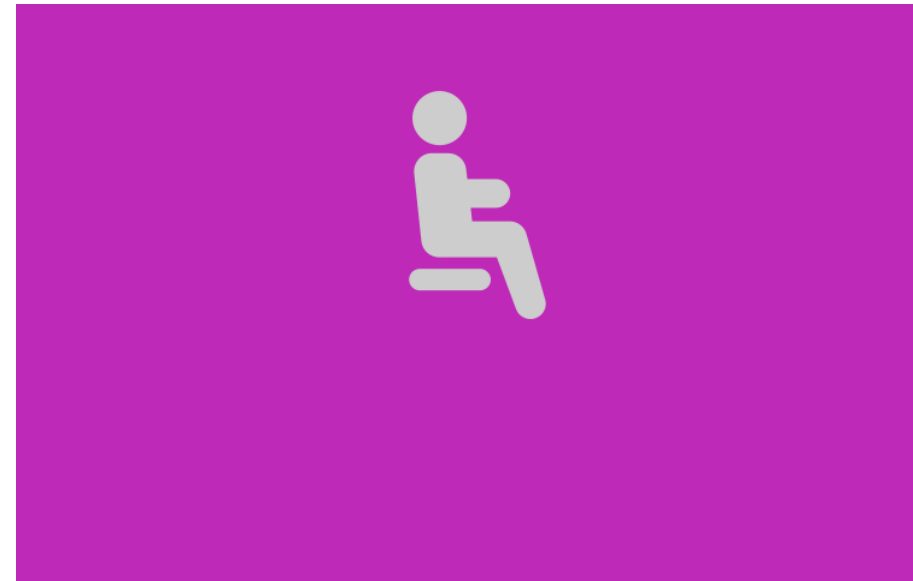
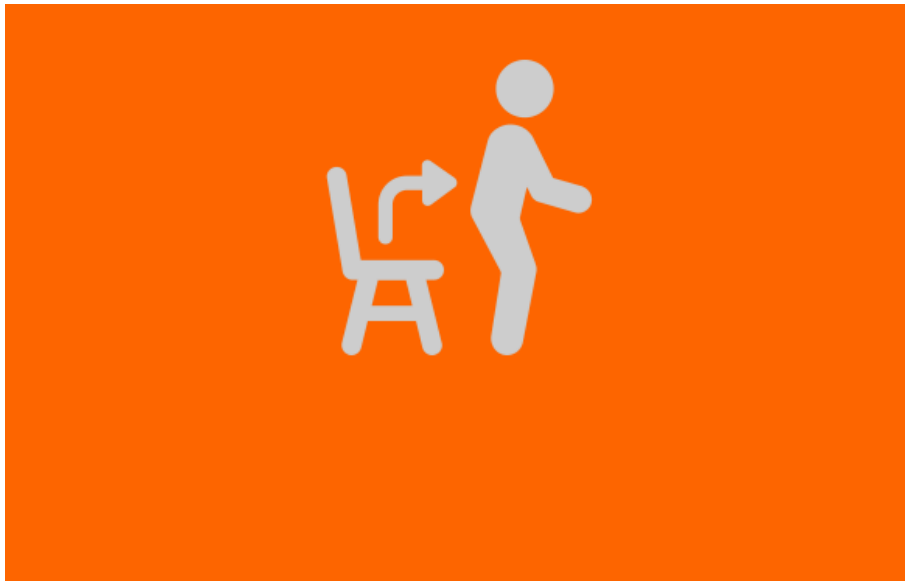
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Stand up if we should, stay down if we shouldn't.

Why? What are our arguments pro and con?

Should we help to fill legal obligations just for the fact that we are competent?

You heard the discussions and we ask you to answer the following questions with yes or no.



1. Is it important that there is (a suspicion of) a crime?
2. If someone causes an accident and a criminal investigation is started does that make a difference?
3. If someone is a relative of a criminal, does it make a difference if someone is also the relative of the victim?
4. Someone is found dead, the people who found him want support. Does it make a difference if there was a crime?
5. Should victim support offer support if there is a gap?
6. Is criminal law the only legal context we offer help?
7. Should we help to fill legal obligations just for the fact that we are competent?

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