

In Union County we are using a tool called SAVIN to assist in providing some of rights afforded to you as a victim of crime. SAVIN stands for Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification. It is a Victim Notification System that will contact you automatically, by your choice of telephone or e-mail, when an inmate is released from the county jail or transferred to another facility. SAVIN will also notify you in the unlikely event of an inmate escape. It will inform you of the date of the change and the specific type of change in the inmate's status. Because it is automated, you can register multiple phone numbers, with SAVIN, such as your home, work, or cell number and it will try to contact you at each number. It will call you multiple times until you confirm the phone call with a confidential PIN – a Personal Identification Number that you select.

SAVIN is not intended to replace the many services provided by your Victim Services Office. Please do not depend solely on SAVIN for your protection. SAVIN is a tool intended to provide efficient and timely notification of inmate movement.

In order to use the SAVIN system, there are different two primary types of registration. There is **anonymous** registration and a more detailed type of registration called a **profile** registration. We know there are some victims who do not want to have a lot of interaction with the criminal justice agencies. We also know that having inmate status change information may be valuable to you. If that is the case, you may register anonymously. If you know the inmate's name or inmate id number you may register by phone or via the internet. To register via the internet you may go to [www.pacrimevictims.state.pa.us](http://www.pacrimevictims.state.pa.us). To register by phone, simply call 1-866-9PASAVIN or 1-866-972-7284. You will be able to register using the prompts or you may speak with a live person called a VINE operator. In order to use this service in this manner, you must keep your registered phone numbers current. If your phone number changes you must provide that change to SAVIN. If you change your mind and later want to receive more services you can contact your local victim service agency and change your registration to a profile registration described below.

If you are interested in SAVIN but also interested in receiving other services provided by your county Victim Service Agency you may register for a profile registration. You can still register multiple phone numbers or register an e-mail address as described above. However you must contact Union County **Victim Services or Union county jail** in order to have a profile registration. With a profile registration you will receive notifications about the dates and types of inmate status changes just as described above. In addition, if you have registered by phone and you have forgotten to notify Victim Services or SAVIN of changes in you phone number, SAVIN will also attempt to notify you via a letter through the U.S. Mail. In addition, a profile registration will allow you to receive other information and services provided by your local Victim Service Agency.

Please contact us if you have more questions about this service. We will be happy to provide you with more information or to assist you with registration