

National State Law Survey: Victim-Witness Protections

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State ¹	"Rape Shield" protections (DMST or CSEC specific)	Testimony by closed circuit television	Special advocate	Comfort of victim-witness	Privacy/ confidentiality of identifying information or communications
Alabama	No	Under 16	No	Under 16	Yes
Alaska	Yes	Under 16*	Under 16*	Under 16*	No
Arizona	No	Under 15*	Yes	No	Yes*
Arkansas	No	Under 13*	Yes*	Yes*	No
California	Yes*	Under 16*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Colorado	Yes	Under 15*	Yes*	No	Yes*
Connecticut	No	Under 13	No	Yes*	No
Delaware	Yes*	Under 12*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
DC	Yes*	No	No	No	No
Florida	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Georgia	Yes*	Under 11	No	Under 16	Yes
Hawaii	Yes*	Yes*	Under 14*	Under 14*	No
Idaho	No	Under 13*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Illinois	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*
Indiana	No	Under 14*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Iowa	No	Yes*	Under 14*	Yes*	Yes*
Kansas	Yes*	Under 13*	No	No	Under 14*
Kentucky	Yes*	Under 13*	No	No	No
Louisiana	Yes*	Under 17*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Maine	Yes*	No	Yes	No	Yes*
Maryland	No	Yes*	No	No	Yes*
Massachusetts	Yes*	Under 15*	Yes*	Yes	Yes*
Michigan	No	No	No	Yes*	Under 16
Minnesota	No	Under 12*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Mississippi	Yes*	Under 16*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Missouri	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
Montana	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Yes*
Nebraska	No	Under 12*	No	Yes	Yes*
Nevada	No	Under 14*	No	No	Yes*
New Hampshire	Yes*	Under 16	No	Yes*	Yes*
New Jersey	Yes*	Under 17*	No	No	Yes
New Mexico	No	No	No	No	No
New York	No	Under 14	Yes	Yes	No
North Carolina	No	Under 16	No	Yes	No
North Dakota	Yes*	No	No	Yes*	Yes*
Ohio	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes*
Oklahoma	No	No	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Oregon	Yes*	Under 12*	Yes*	Under 12*	Yes*
Pennsylvania	Yes*	Under 16*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Rhode Island	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2017. For related policy goals, background information, and select statute highlights, please visit http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_5.8.pdf. A single asterisk (*) denotes that the protection is specifically available to child sex trafficking victims or that the protection applies generally when the victim is a minor.

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South Carolina	Yes*	No	No	No	Yes*
South Dakota	No	Under 12*	No	No	Yes
Tennessee	Yes	Under 14*	Yes*	No	No
Texas	No	Under 13*	No	Yes*	Yes*
Utah	Yes*	Under 14	Under 14*	Yes*	Yes*
Vermont	Yes*	Under 13	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Virginia	Yes	Under 17 (if under 15 at time of offense)	No	No	Yes*
Washington	Yes*	Under 14*	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	No	Under 16	No	Under 16	No
Wisconsin	Yes*	Under 16*	Yes*	Under 16*	Yes*
Wyoming	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes*
Totals:	Yes: 28 & DC No: 22	Yes: 42 No 8 & DC	Yes: 24 No: 26 & DC	Yes: 36 No: 14 & DC	Yes: 40 No: 10 & DC