

**IC 35-40-11**

**Chapter 11. Victim's Discretion; Form of Statement**

**IC 35-40-11-1**

**Victim's right to be heard at court proceedings**

Sec. 1. It is at the victim's discretion to exercise the victim's rights under this article to be present and to be heard at court proceedings, and the absence of the victim at a court proceeding does not preclude the court from holding the proceeding.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*

**IC 35-40-11-2**

**Oral, written, or taped statements allowed**

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 3 of this chapter, a victim's right to be heard may be exercised, at the victim's discretion, through an oral statement, submission of a written statement, or submission of a statement through audiotape or videotape.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*

**IC 35-40-11-3**

**Statement when victim in custody**

Sec. 3. If a victim is in custody for committing or allegedly committing an offense, the victim may be heard by submitting a written statement to the court.

*As added by P.L.139-1999, SEC.1.*