

Victim-Offender Dialogue

**Louisiana Department of Public
Safety and Corrections**

***Responding to the needs of those
harmed by Crime***

Victim-Offender Dialogue (VOD) is:

- Victim requested
- Victim-driven
- Victim-sensitive
- Empowering

Victim-Offender Dialogue (VOD) is a face-to-face meeting between the victim of a crime and the person who committed that crime.

- Only a victim/survivor, 18 years of age or older, can initiate a dialogue.
- VOD preparation will not be allowed to overlap appeals, parole, pardon processes or civil suits and may be stopped at any time by the facilitators or either participant.
- The VOD process cannot be used by an offender in an attempt to obtain an early release from prison.



***Why would a victim/survivor want to meet
with an offender?***

The justice system often leaves victims with questions that only the offender can answer. Have you ever wanted to ask the person who harmed you a question?

- Have you ever asked yourself, “Why me?”
- What were my child’s last words?
- Was it intentional; did you even consider the harm that you caused?
- Have you ever wanted to tell the offender how your life has been affected by the crime?
- What did I or my family ever do to you?
- Did you even think that you were hurting someone?

If these are questions that you would like an answer to or have wondered about, please contact the Crime Victims Services Bureau by phone or mail.

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