



*As a part of the consequences requirements for a DWI arrest, the purpose of the panel program is not to judge, but to give first-time DWI offender a personal experience through hearing from victims whose lives have been changed forever by a drunk driver, to create an empathy and understanding of the tragedy of DWI, to leave an impression that will change the thinking and the behavior, and prevent future DWIs occurring.*

## **Travis County Panel**

Call 1-512-445-4976 Ext. 4859

**Victim Impact Panels have been cancelled throughout May 2020.**

## VICTIM IMPACT PANELS

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**Online Victim Impact Panel class is an option as a temporary solution to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic in Travis County as next available classes have been cancelled. Safety is our priority. To register for the Online Victim Impact Panel class, click the link here – <https://online.maddvip.org>. Please verify local acceptance.**

This program is held on the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

There is online pre-registration. Seating is limited and attendance is first come first served. The panel location is **509 W. 11<sup>th</sup> (Blackwell Thurman Bldg).** **Please arrive by 5:45.** Attendees will form a line in the courtyard outside the building. Regardless of registration status, there will be no entry to building after 6:15.

**Pre-register at:**

**<https://maddvip.org/listing/blackwell-thurman-criminal-justice-center/>**

*Please keep confirmation email/receipt and present upon check-in.*

If you are unable to pre-register, please arrive at the court building at 5:45 and **if** there is space available, walk-up registration will be allowed. The cost is \$25 (**Money Order ONLY**) - Bring a **photo ID** such as a drivers' license (Probation ID, Social Security card or birth certificate can substitute).

**Once you have completed the check-in/registration process, you may not leave the court building.**

The Travis County courtrooms do not allow food or drink – please use the restroom and finish drinks before entering, you will not be excused from the room once inside. The panel is approximately 1.5 hours. Leave purses and backpacks, etc. in your car, or you can leave them at the back of the courtroom during panel. Turn off all devices. Come dressed in respectful attire, no cellphones or texting allowed, inappropriate conduct will result in ejection and no completion.

**Keep your receipt that is given to you for your record- it is the proof of your attendance as required by court/probation. Replacements will be provided for a replacement fee of \$15.00**

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General Notice for all MADD panels: Please dress appropriately (EX; no cut-offs, short skirts/ shorts, tube tops, or T-shirts with offensive messaging). Individuals inappropriately dressed will be required to leave and reschedule. Cell Phones OFF, texting is not allowed. Failure to pay attention will result in ejection. All bags and personal effects are stowed under chairs during the program. Food and drinks are not allowed in the courtroom.