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You will be considered a victim of crime if you have suffered damage, e.g. you have been injured or your property has been damaged or stolen, etc., as a result of an incident, which constitutes a crime according to national law. As a victim of crime, the law grants you certain individual rights before, during and after court proceedings (trial).

Criminal proceedings in Luxembourg consist of two stages: investigation and trial. The police and/or an investigating magistrate usually perform the investigation. After the investigation is completed the case will go to the Court Chambers. The Chambers will determine whether to transfer the case to a court or close it at this stage.

If the case goes to court, the court will hold a hearing to examine the collected evidence and will decide if the offender is guilty or not. If the offender is found guilty the court will convict him/her and impose a penalty. If the collected evidence is not sufficient to declare the defendant guilty the court will acquit him/her.

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