

Violent crime shatters innocent lives...

As the victim or the loved one of a victim of violent crime, you may be eligible for financial assistance to help defray medical bills, arrange funeral and burial services, seek counseling, or meet other expenses related to your recovery.

For more information about crime victim services throughout Illinois and the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program or to request an application, call:

CRIME VICTIMS
1-800-228-3368
Voice/TTY
ASSISTANCE

Visit us on the Web at
www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov or www.sos.state.il.us.



Crime Victims Assistance is offered as a cooperative effort between the Offices of Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White.

RECOVER REBUILT

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A message from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White

The effects of violent crime are felt long after the offender is apprehended and punished. Victims, their families, and their friends must deal with the emotional, physical, and financial scars that remain. To help victims and families on their road to recovery, our offices administer the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program.

Eligible victims can receive financial assistance for justified expenses resulting from a violent crime when all other means of payment have been exhausted.

If you or someone you love is having difficulty coping with the long term effects of a violent crime, we urge you to call our toll-free assistance line for more information about compensation and other statewide victim services. Together, we are committed to helping crime victims and their families pick up the pieces and regain peace of mind.



Lisa Madigan
Attorney General

Jesse White
Secretary of State

The Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program

can provide innocent victims and their families up to \$27,000 of financial assistance for expenses incurred as a result of a violent crime.

What is a violent crime for purposes of compensation?

Murder	Domestic Violence
Involuntary Manslaughter	Exploitation of a Child
Kidnapping	Driving Under the Influence
Assault/Battery	Arson
Sexual Assault and Abuse	Reckless Homicide
Stalking	

What do I have to do to be eligible?

- Report the crime to authorities within 72 hours, within 7 days for sexual offenses, or in a timely manner under the circumstances.
- Cooperate with law enforcement officers.
- Must not be an offender or an accomplice of the offender or have contributed to the victim's injury/death by engaging in wrongful conduct or provocation.
- File a compensation claim with the Illinois Attorney General's Office within two (2) years of the crime.

How does the process work?

Applicants must provide any and all requested information related to the crime to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The OAG will investigate and verify information contained in the application, and may request applicants to appear for a personal interview. The OAG conducts all inquiries in strict confidence.

The OAG will submit a report of its investigation and a recommendation to either award or deny compensation to the Illinois Court of Claims. The Court will either make a decision based upon the application and report or will order that the claim be set for a hearing. The Court of Claims is the final decision maker in all Crime Victims Compensation cases.