

How Will My Claim Be Considered?

After all of the information contained in your application is verified, you will be notified if you are eligible for compensation. The time that it takes to arrive at this decision varies considerably, depending upon the complexity of the claim. One important factor is your help in sending the Department the information it needs to arrive at a decision.

You will be sent a copy of the decision in writing. If your claim is denied, the reason will be explained to you, along with the appeal procedure.

Attorney Fees

You do not need an attorney to file a claim. If you do choose to hire an attorney, the allowed fee will be deducted from your award.

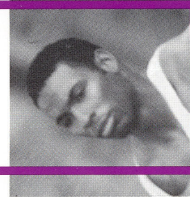
How And Where To File A Claim

Write:

Crime Victim Compensation
P.O. Box 7951
Madison WI 53707-7951

Telephone:

Toll-Free 1-800-446-6564
Madison Area 608-264-9497



The concept of crime victim compensation is a time-honored one: that of making up for wrong.

A Measure of Justice

Financial Help for Victims of Crime



Wisconsin Department of Justice
Crime Victim Compensation Program

Who Is Eligible?

- An innocent victim who suffers injury from a crime.
- A dependent or legal representative of an innocent victim who has been killed as a result of a crime.
- A person who is injured while aiding a crime victim or helping a police officer.
- A person who suffers a reaction from the death of a family or household member.
- Persons who are injured in automobile accidents caused by drunk drivers.



What Compensation May Be Paid?

Up to \$40,000 for any one injury or death, including:

- Medical, hospital, surgical, pharmacy, and mental health counseling expenses.
- Lost wages.
- Loss of support to a dependent of a crime victim who is killed.
- Reasonable replacement costs of clothing or bedding held as evidence by the police, prosecutor, or crime lab—up to \$300.
- Reasonable replacement value for property held as evidence and made unusable by crime lab testing—up to \$200.
- Reasonable and necessary costs for securing and cleaning a crime scene—up to \$1,000.
- Cost of homemaker services.

An additional \$2,000 may be paid for reasonable funeral expenses.

No property loss or damage is covered other than those described above.

The State of Wisconsin pays only those out-of-pocket expenses that are not paid or payable by a private or group insurance plan, public funds, or any other source, including the offender. If you receive monies from the offender or a third party through restitution or any civil action, you must re-pay the state for any monies paid out on your behalf.

What Are The Requirements?

- The victim's conduct must not have caused or contributed to the crime that led to the injury or death.
- The victim must not have committed a crime that led to the injury or death.
- The victim must cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigation and prosecution of the crime.
- The applicant must cooperate with the Wisconsin Department of Justice in supplying information for the claim.
- If the victim was injured in a car accident caused by a drunk driver, the victim must have been:
 - a pedestrian or a passenger in the other car.
 - a child passenger in the offender's car.
 - unaware that the driver was under the influence of alcohol or an illegal drug.

What Must I Do To Be Eligible?

- The crime must have been reported to a law enforcement agency within 5 days of the crime.
- The applicant must file a claim within 1 year of the date of the crime. This may be waived in certain circumstances.
- The victim must be current with court-ordered child support or maintenance payments.