

## In the case of death, can the victim's dependants apply for assistance under Victims Compensation?

A parent or guardian of dependent children of a homicide victim or the estate may apply for:

- loss of support for the dependent children;
- funeral expenses for the victim.

In addition, immediate family members of homicide victims may apply for compensation for the costs of counselling.

## Can I appeal if I am denied compensation?

Yes. Contact the Manager, Victims Compensation for more information about this process.

## To receive more information about Victims Services, contact:

### Victims Services

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## Your needs are important.

There are many ways in which you can receive assistance from the Ministry of Justice if you are a victim of a violent crime, including:

- information and support in the immediate aftermath of a crime;
- information about the criminal justice system and the status of your case;
- court orientation and accompaniment; and
- referrals to related community services.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice has adopted the **Declaration of Principles Respecting the Treatment of Victims of Crime**. Victims Services is an important part of our response to victims of crime.

Contact us for further information.

Local contact:

# Victims Compensation

## Financial help for victims of crime

# Help is available if you have been the victim of a violent crime

**Victims Services offers a range of services to help you cope with what has happened, including the Victims Compensation Program.**

## How can Victims Compensation help me?

It can provide you with payment for “reasonable expenses” resulting from a violent crime.\* While compensation may not address all of your concerns as a victim, it may help you recover some of the expenses related to the crime. Expenses resulting from property crimes are not covered by Victims Compensation.

*\*Eligible offences as identified in The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997.*

## What are some examples of reasonable expenses?

- loss of income where it is not covered by Employment Insurance, Workers Compensation or an insurance plan;

- counselling, including traditional Aboriginal healing methods, while you are involved in the criminal justice process;
- ambulance costs;
- clothing damaged as a result of the crime; and
- medical or dental bills, including prescriptions not covered by a medical plan.

## How long does it take for a victim to receive payment?

It usually takes four to six weeks to review a claim. Payments follow about one week after the claim is approved.

## Getting Started

### How do I apply?

If you have been the victim of a violent crime, you must report the crime to the police. Local Police-based Victim Services programs are available to assist you.

Contact your nearest Victim Services Office, Police Service, or the Ministry of Justice to apply for compensation. You can also visit our website to obtain a Victims Compensation Application Form.

### What should I include with my application?

You must attach bills and receipts showing expenses. The Victims Compensation Manager will obtain medical reports and employers' statements regarding lost wages if needed.

### Do I need a lawyer to apply?

No.

## When can I apply?

You can apply up to two years after the date of the crime.

### What if I am a victim of sexual abuse committed years ago?

Victims of historical sexual assault may not be ready to report to police for a number of years. In these cases, victims may apply for compensation within two years after the report was made to police.

### What if the victim is unable to apply?

If the victim is unable to apply because of age, physical injury or other reasons, others may apply on the victim's behalf. Please contact Victims Services for more information.