

WHAT IS OKLAHOMA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION?

Legislation that provides a method of compensation and assistance to persons who are victims of criminal acts and who suffer physical or psychological injury or death as a result.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants are:

- ♦ a victim;
- ♦ a dependent of a deceased victim;
- ♦ a person authorized to act on behalf of the victim or dependent



HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?

- ♦ The crime must be reported to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours.
- ♦ The claim for compensation must be filed within one (1) year of injury, death or disclosure (if victim is a minor). The one-year deadline can be extended up to two years for good cause. In child sex abuse cases, filing deadlines may be waived.
- ♦ The claimant must cooperate fully in the investigation and prosecution of the offender.
- ♦ Compensation shall not benefit the offender or accomplice.
- ♦ Claimant could face a reduction or denial of a claim if there were any actions by the victim that may have contributed to the injury or death.



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Funds awarded to victims of crime come from assessments placed on persons pleading guilty or convicted of crimes at the District and Federal Court level.

TO FILE A CLAIM:

**Contact your nearest
District Attorney's Office
or the Oklahoma
Crime Victims
Compensation Program.**