

## 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.**

## WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Out of pocket expenses allowable under this program are:

- ♦ Medical and dental care;
- ♦ Prescriptions;
- ♦ Counseling and rehabilitation;
- ♦ Work loss or loss of support;
- ♦ Caregiver work loss;
- ♦ Crime scene clean-up;
- ♦ Funeral and burial expense.

## SOME EXTRA INFO ...

- ♦ Property loss and pain and suffering are not covered.
- ♦ No attorney is needed to file a claim.
- ♦ No arrest or conviction is required.
- ♦ The maximum award is \$20,000. Claims with work loss can be awarded up to \$40,000.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Crime Victims Compensation Board  
Oklahoma District Attorneys Council  
421 NW 13th St., Suite 290  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103  
Phone: (405)264-5006  
Toll Free: (800) 745-6098  
FAX: (405) 264-5097  
<http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims>

## OR YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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