

For help, contact your county Victim Witness Assistance Center:

Alameda	(510) 272-6180	Nevada	(530) 265-1246
Alpine	(530) 694-2971	Orange	(949) 975-0244
Amador	(209) 223-6474	Placer	(530) 889-7021
Butte	(530) 538-7340	Plumas	(530) 283-6285
Calaveras	(209) 754-6565	Riverside	(951) 955-5450
Colusa	(530) 458-0659	Sacramento	(916) 874-5701
Contra Costa	(800) 648-0600	San Benito	(831) 636-4120
Del Norte	(707) 464-7273	San Bernardino	(909) 387-6542
El Dorado	(530) 621-6414	San Diego	(619) 531-4041
Fresno	(559) 488-3425	San Francisco	(415) 553-9044
Glenn	(530) 934-6510	San Joaquin	(209) 468-2500
Humboldt	(707) 445-7417	San Luis Obispo	(805) 781-5821
Imperial	(760) 336-3930	San Mateo	(650) 599-7479
Inyo	(760) 878-0282	Santa Barbara	(805) 568-2400
Kern	(661) 868-4535	Santa Clara	(408) 295-2656
Kings	(559) 582-3211 (ext. 2640)	Santa Cruz	(831) 454-2010
Lake	(707) 262-4282	Shasta	(530) 225-5220
Lassen	(530) 251-8281	Sierra	(530) 993-4617
Los Angeles City	(213) 485-6976	Siskiyou	(530) 842-8229
Los Angeles Co.	(800) 773-7574	Solano	(707) 421-6844
Madera	(559) 661-1000	Sonoma	(707) 565-8250
Marin	(415) 499-6450	Stanislaus	(209) 525-5541
Mariposa	(209) 742-7441	Sutter	(530) 822-7345
Mendocino	(707) 463-4218	Tehama	(530) 527-4296
Merced	(209) 725-3515	Trinity	(530) 623-1205
Modoc	(530) 233-3311	Tulare	(559) 733-6754
Mono	(760) 924-1710	Tuolumne	(209) 588-5440
Monterey	(831) 755-5072	Ventura	(805) 654-3622
Napa	(707) 252-6222	Yolo	(530) 666-8187
		Yuba	(530) 741-6275

For more information contact:
Victim Compensation and
Government Claims Board
P.O. Box 3036
Sacramento, CA 95812-3036

1-800-777-9229

www.victimcompensation.ca.gov

email: info@voc.ca.gov

All languages accommodated.
Hearing Impaired: Please call the
California Relay Service at
1-800-735-2929

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State and Consumer Services Agency

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State Controller

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District Attorney,
San Bernardino County

Karen McGagin,
Executive Officer

This brochure provides an overview of the
Victim Compensation Program.
For more detailed information see
www.victimcompensation.ca.gov

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who? what? how?

Are you the victim of a crime?

If you have been injured, or if someone tried to hurt you, and the crime happened in California, the Victim Compensation Program may be able to help you. The Program may also help you if you live in California, but the crime happened somewhere else.

We may also be able to help others who care about you, like your:

- Husband or wife,
- Child,
- Parent,
- Domestic partner,
- Legal guardian,
- Brother,
- Sister,
- Grandparent,
- Grandchild, or
- Someone else in your household.

Here are some tips that will help:

- Include copies of reports, bills, or receipts with your application to help speed up the review, and
- Send your bills to your insurance company, worker's compensation, or Medi-Cal right away. We work with them to help pay your bills.

What can the Program pay for?

You can get help paying for a variety of losses and expenses. Different limits apply to each type of loss. Call us or visit our website for more information.

The Program covers these expenses:

- Medical and dental treatment,
- Mental health counseling,
- Lost income if you are disabled because of the crime,
- Job retraining needed because of an injury from the crime,
- Home or vehicle changes needed because of an injury from the crime,
- Home security,
- Relocation for your safety, and
- Insurance co-payments.

The Program helps family members pay:

- Funeral expenses,
- Mental health counseling,
- Lost support if a loved one is killed or disabled, and
- Crime scene cleanup when a homicide happens in someone's home.

The Program cannot pay for:

- Expenses paid by your insurance or another source,
- Lost, damaged or stolen property (except things like wheelchairs, eyeglasses, and hearing aids), or
- Pain and suffering.

To get an application:

- Call 1-800-777-9229,
- Call or visit a Victim Witness Assistance Center near you, or
- Check out our website: www.victimcompensation.ca.gov.

You need to:

- File a crime report with the police, sheriff, Child Protective Services (CPS), or some other law enforcement agency,
- Cooperate during the investigation and prosecution of the crime,
- Cooperate with the Program by providing the information needed to review your application, and
- Apply to the Program within a year of the time the crime happened or let us know why the application is late. If the victim was a child, you have until the child's 19th birthday to apply.

Emergency awards

You may be able to get an emergency award:

- If you must pay crime-related bills immediately, and
- If you will not be able to pay for items like rent or food if you pay those bills.

Emergency awards can be paid within 30 days, often sooner.

Compensation helps victims of :

*assault
child abuse
domestic violence*

driving under the influence

*homicide
robbery*

sexual assault

vehicular manslaughter

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