


# CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

ENHANCING VICTIM  
SERVICES PROJECT



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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

The Victim of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) is responsible for compensating victims of crime and is supported by the NJ Office of the Attorney General. Crime victim's compensation benefits aim to alleviate some of the financial burden on those that have experienced some form of violence, abuse, or trauma.

In some cases, financial assistance can help survivors and their families pay for care or services aimed at improving the survivor's physical, mental, emotional, and financial health.

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have been a victim of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, or any other violent crime on campus you may be eligible to apply for financial assistance. To learn more about the VCCO please visit:

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/njvictims/index.html>



In order to be eligible in the state of New Jersey, you must meet the following requirements according to the Victim of Crime Compensation Office:

- The crime must have occurred in New Jersey or a New Jersey resident victimized outside of the State.
- The victim must have reported the crime to police within 9 months\*
- The victim must cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the crime
- The claim must be filed within 3 years of the date of the crime\*
- Must be an innocent victim of crime

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- A victim of a crime who has sustained personal injury, mental trauma or death
- A surviving spouse, parent/guardian, child or other relative dependent for support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime
- A person injured while trying to prevent a crime or while assisting a police officer in making an arrest

## TO KNOW

To obtain benefits, you must file a completed claim form and comply with Board regulations which are explained in the instructions. You will be asked to submit information to support your application. Where possible and to speed up processing, it would be helpful to submit a copy of a police report and related bills, receipts and insurance statements together with the application. Please send copies only and keep the originals for your own records.

For more information on evidence collection please visit:

<http://vpva.rutgers.edu/i-am-a-victimsurvivor-of-sexual-violence/information-on-evidence-collection/>

## HOW DO YOU APPLY?

VCCO applications and instructions are available online or at every law enforcement agency and medical institution in New Jersey. They are required to and make these applications available.

You can get an application from the VCCO, by calling 973-648-2107 or 877-658-2221 for assistance.

You are also able to apply online by visiting: <https://www.nj.gov/oag/njvictims/application.html>

# RESOURCES

Help with completing a victim compensation form can be found through law enforcement agencies, your County Office of Victim/Witness Advocacy or by contacting VCCO at 1-877-658-2221.

There are resources in your immediate area that offer services to individuals who have been victimized by crime. Information about victim assistance NJ can be obtained using the information listed below:

**OVC-FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE FOR NEW JERSEY**

**PHONE: 609-376-2444**

**WEB SITE:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOV/LPS/DCJ/VICTIMWITNESS/](https://www.nj.gov/lps/dcj/victimwitness/)**

You may be eligible for crime victim compensation benefits, including reimbursement for medical services, mental health counseling, lost wages, and other costs incurred as a result of the crime. Information about compensation in NJ can be obtained using the information listed below:

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**PHONE: 877-658-2221**

**WEB SITE: [HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOV/OAG/NJVICTIMS/HOME.HTML](https://www.nj.gov/oag/njvictims/home.html)**



If you have been a victim of a crime, please remember that this is not your fault and that help is available. The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance offers a range of services to assist you with the aftermath of victimization, including counseling, personal and academic advocacy, legal and medical accompaniment, and information on replacing lost or stolen property.

For more information please call:

VPVA New Brunswick: 848-932-1181

VPVA Camden: 856- 225-2326

VPVA Newark: 973-353-1918

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