

Criminal Injuries Compensation

A program of the Tennessee Department of Treasury

Are you an innocent victim of violent crime in Tennessee? **There may be help.**



A RESOURCE FOR VICTIMS

If you or someone you know has been an innocent victim of violent crime in Tennessee, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund may be a financial resource for you. Criminal Injuries Compensation provides funds of last resort to financially assist innocent victims of crime that results in personal injury. Victims and claimants who meet eligibility requirements may be reimbursed for medical expenses, loss of wages, funeral expenses and other unforeseen costs related to the crime. In the case of death, dependent relatives may be eligible for compensation.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals may be eligible for financial assistance if they are:

The Victim

- The victim of the crime (the individual who received personal injury)

Relatives

- A dependent relative of a deceased victim
- The relative of a homicide victim who received mental health counseling
- A relative responsible for funeral/burial costs
- A sibling or parent of a victim of child sexual abuse who has received counseling
- A victim's child who witnessed domestic violence against the parent and received counseling

Administrator

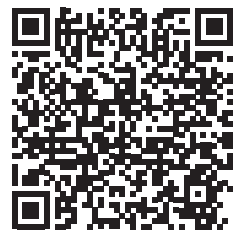
- The administrator of a deceased victim's estate

Preventing Crime

- Someone who was injured trying to prevent a crime or apprehend a criminal

A victim needs to meet the following conditions to be eligible for compensation:

- The crime must be reported to authorities within 48 hours unless victim is a minor or there is good cause.
- The crime must have happened in Tennessee.
- The victim's actions cannot contribute to the crime.
- The victim/claimant must fully cooperate with police and efforts to prosecute.
- A claim must be filed within two years of the crime unless there is good cause.



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APPLY FOR COMPENSATION

In most cases, a claimant, the individual applying for compensation, is the individual responsible for payment of expenses associated with the crime. Legal guardians must file claims for those under 18 or those incapable of filing on their own behalf.

Complete and submit your claim online at Treasury.tn.gov/injury. Please be prepared to attach any available relevant documents, such as a police report, death certificate, copies of bills and receipts, and other documentation if available. Our office will contact you to obtain any necessary documents not submitted with the application.

ELIGIBLE versus INELIGIBLE

Covered

- Medical Bills
- Lost Wages
- Funeral and Burial Expenses
- Loss of Financial Support of Dependents
- Pain and Suffering
- Moving Expenses

Based on state law, some restrictions apply.

Not Covered

- Deposits, Rent and Utility Bills
- Travel to Doctor Appointments
- Cost from Identity Theft or Fraud
- Lost, Stolen or Damaged Property
- Costs Covered by: *Health Insurance, Auto Insurance, Life/Burial Insurance, Sick/Vacation Pay, Workers' Comp, Court-Ordered Restitution, Donations, Home-Owner's Insurance, ANY other public or private resource*

We are here to help, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for additional information and a full list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

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