

WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS OF A MISSOURI CRIME VICTIM?

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1. Be present at all criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such right.
2. Be informed and heard at guilty pleas, bail hearings, sentencings, probation revocation hearings and parole hearings.
3. Be informed of trials and preliminary hearings.
4. Restitution.
5. The speedy disposition and appellate review of cases.
6. Reasonable protection from the defendant or any person acting on behalf of the defendant.
7. Information concerning the release, escape, recapture or death of the accused while in custody or confinement.
8. Information about how the criminal justice system works, the rights and availability of services and information about the crime.

RESOURCES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline
800-392-3738

MO Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(573) 634-4161

Missouri Dept. of Corrections Victim Services
(573) 526-6516

Victims of Impaired Drivers (V.O.I.D.)
888-773-1800

Stop Human Trafficking
888-3737-888

Missouri Elder Abuse Hotline
800-392-0210

Courage to Report
866-748-7047

HOW TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Request an application by phone, email or in writing:

Missouri Department of Public Safety
Crime Victims' Compensation
P.O. Box 1589
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1589

Phone: (573) 526-6006
Email: CVC@dps.mo.gov
Fax: (573) 526-4940

The application and additional information is available at:

www.dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvc



MOVANS is an automated victim notification system that notifies registered users of changes in an offender's incarceration, court status or the status of a protection order. Registrants can choose to receive notifications by phone, text, and email.

For more information visit:
Toll Free: 866-566-8267
Phone: (573) 526-1929
Email: cvsu@dps.mo.gov
<https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/movans.php>

CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION



ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME

A program of the
Missouri Department of Public Safety

If you or a family member have sustained physical, emotional, or mental harm or trauma resulting from certain crimes you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Crime Victims' Compensation Program (CVC).

Victims of crime or eligible family members can apply for financial assistance to help with expenses directly related to the crime. Allowable expenses may include reasonable medical, counseling, funeral expenses, lost wages, and loss of support.

It is NOT required that the suspect is arrested, in custody of law enforcement or brought to trial to apply.

Please Note

Eligibility cannot be determined without a completed application.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS

The maximum benefit per crime is \$25,000.

The following crime related expenses may be covered by the program:

- Medical expenses, including prescriptions
- Counseling
- Funeral expenses (maximum of \$5,000.00)
- Lost wages (up to \$400 per week)
- Loss of support

NOTE: For lost wages and loss of support the victim must be gainfully employed at the time of the crime.

Supporting documentation will be requested for application processing

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following are minimum requirements that must be met:

Crime Must Have Occurred In Missouri

If the crime occurred in another state, application must be made in that state

Filing Deadline

Application must be filed within 2 years from the date of the crime or the discovery of the crime

Crime Must Be Reported to Proper Authorities

For the purposes of CVC, law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys are the proper authorities. In cases of domestic violence, sexual offenses, human trafficking or stalking, other court documents may be accepted. This may include securing an order of protection or sexual assault forensic exam documentation.

Cooperation with Law Enforcement and CVC

Victim must fully cooperate in law enforcement investigation and with the CVC program.

No Contributory Conduct

Victim MUST NOT have contributed to their injuries or engaged in provocation/enticement. Victim must not have been in commission of any crime.

Eligible Family Members

For a deceased victim, the claimant must be an **eligible family member**: per RSMo 595.010.1 (14): spouse, parent, grandparent, step-parent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted children of parent or spouse's parent.

NOTE: If an individual pays toward funeral expenses and the individual does not meet the statutory definition of a family member, that individual will not be reimbursed/eligible to file claim.

Example: If the aunt of the victim pays \$2,000 toward the funeral bill and receives a receipt; the aunt is not eligible for reimbursement because she does not meet the statutory definition of a family member.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION THAT WILL ASSIST IN PROCESSING YOUR CLAIM

Depending on the type of crime and the benefits requested, the victim or claimant will be required to submit information to support:

- Crime-related medical, counseling, and funeral bills and paid receipts
- Death certificate for funeral expenses or loss of support
- Birth certificates for each minor child if seeking loss of support for children
- Employment information
- Insurance information
- Other as requested from CVC

PAYER OF LAST RESORT

CVC is the PAYER OF LAST RESORT. Expenses that are paid or eligible to be paid from other sources such as: health insurance, Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, crowd-sourced funds and Medicare may not be compensated.

Employer paid leave programs are also considered a collateral source when applying for work loss.

WHAT CVC CANNOT PAY

- Pain and suffering
- Personal Property
- Rent/Mortgage/Utilities
- Food/Clothing Costs
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Vehicle Damage
- Relocation Costs
- Homeopathic/Alternative Treatment

Please Note

This brochure is a summary of Missouri's Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Statutes governing this program may be found in Chapter 595 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.