

4. Anyone engaged in an unlawful activity at the time of the crime.
 5. Anyone responsible for the crime by reason of his or her conduct or his or her aid in the commission of the crime.
- *Deceased victim's dependent child excepted.

WHO WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT YOUR CLAIM?

1. You, by letter or phone.
2. Your doctor, hospital, and law enforcement officials.
3. Your insurance company/banking facility.
4. Any other agency that can provide information about your claim.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONTACTS IS TO ESTABLISH THE VALIDITY OF YOUR CLAIM.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU FILE A CLAIM?

Upon receipt of an application for assistance, a field representative will process, investigate and evaluate the claim and make a recommendation to the Bureau Chief. The recommendation can be for an emergency, partial or final award, or for denial of your claim. You will be notified, in writing, of the decision. If you are dissatisfied with the decision you can request a reconsideration by the Bureau Chief and subsequently, before a deputy Commissioner. You may be present to offer evidence about your claim. The deputy Commissioner's decision can be appealed to the District Court of Appeal.

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**Florida's
Victims
of Crime
can now get
Help.**

**WRITE OR CALL:
BUREAU OF CRIMES COMPENSATION
2562 Executive Center Circle East
Montgomery Bldg., Suite 201
Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Legislature recognizes that many innocent people suffer personal injury or death as a result of crime. Therefore, the Florida Crimes Compensation Act, Chapter 960, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Bureau of Crimes Compensation of the Division of Workers' Compensation, Department of Labor and Employment Security, to provide compensation to Florida residents who are innocent victims of crime.

WHO CAN APPLY?

A FLORIDA RESIDENT WHO IS:

1. A victim or intervenor in a crime committed in Florida that results in a personal physical injury or death and was reported to law enforcement officials within 72 hours. **PROPERTY LOSS IS NOT COMPENSABLE.**
2. A surviving (a) spouse, (b) parent, (c) child, or (d) a principal dependent of a deceased victim.
3. A legal custodian of a (a) minor, (b) incompetent, or (c) incapacitated victim.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

1. By contacting your local state attorney's office or a local law enforcement office.
2. By contacting any local hospital.
3. By writing or calling:
Bureau of Crimes Compensation
3552 Executive Center Circle East
Montgomery Bldg., Suite 201
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Telephone: 904/488-0848

FALSE CLAIMS - There are severe penalties for filing a false claim. Any money paid to you or your beneficiary **MUST** be returned if a false claim is filed.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

1. The victim must be a Florida resident.

2. A person must have suffered physical injury or death as a direct result of a crime.
3. You must cooperate fully with all law enforcement agencies and with the Bureau of Crimes Compensation.
4. The crime must have been reported to the proper law enforcement authorities within 72 hours.
5. The claim must be filed within one year after the crime occurred.
6. Financial hardship because of the injury must be demonstrated.

TYPES OF AWARDS

1. **EMERGENCY** - When the claimant can show evidence of undue financial hardship. The **MAXIMUM** award is \$500.
2. **PARTIAL** - Provides for protracted payment during a period of continued disability or ongoing medical treatment and/or loss of wages or support.
3. **FINAL** - When there is no emergency need and the claimant recovers and returns to work without any permanent disability.

THE MAXIMUM AWARD ALLOWED IS \$10,000.

Expenses covered by insurance, workers' compensation, savings or other sources of payment will be deducted from the award. Payments can be made directly to a service provider or to you.

ALL AWARDS ARE BASED ON "ACTUAL NEED."

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

1. Anyone maintaining a sexual relationship with the person who committed the crime.
2. Anyone residing in the same household as the person who committed the crime.*
3. Anyone closely related to the person who committed the crime.*

REQUEST FOR CRIMES COMPENSATION APPLICATION

Please send a compensation application to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____
(area code)

I would like to know the name, address and phone number of a person in my area with whom I can discuss my application or need for service.

YES

NO