



Oregon

The Oregon Crime Victim's Compensation Program was enacted in 1997. If you have been a victim of crime in Oregon, the Crime Victim's Compensation Program (CVCP) may be able to help you. Visit the CVCP website at this link:

<http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/comp.shtml>

WHO CAN GET HELP?

You may be eligible to file a claim if you were injured or killed as the result of a compensable crime that occurred in Oregon. "Compensable crime" means an intentional, knowing or reckless act by a person resulting in physical and/or emotional injury and/or death of another person that would be punishable as a crime.

A claimant must meet these requirements:

- ✓ Report the crime to the appropriate law enforcement officials within 72 hours (but this requirement may be waived with good cause).
- ✓ Cooperate fully with law enforcement to apprehend and prosecute the assailant.
- ✓ Not have been involved in a wrongful act and/or did not provoke the assailant.
- ✓ Apply for compensation within six (6) months of the crime (but this requirement may be waived with good cause).

Claimants are NOT eligible if:

- The injury or death resulted from the victim's own wrongdoing, provocation or contributory behavior.
- The crime occurred prior to 10/4/97 and compensable expenses resulting

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from the crime do not total \$100.

- The injury or death resulted from an accident.
- The crime occurred prior to 9/27/87 and the victim and assailant were related or sharing the same household.
- The crime occurred before Oregon CVCP became effective in January 1978.

WHAT MUST I DO TO GET HELP?

A copy of Oregon's crime victim compensation claim application can be downloaded on the CVCP website, or you can get one by calling or writing the Program at:

Crime Victims' Compensation Program
Department of Justice
1162 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301-4096
Telephone (503) 378-5348
TDD (503) 378-5938
FAX (503) 378-5738

An application can also be obtained from your local District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program. All applications should be mailed to the address above for proper processing.

According to the CVCP website:

- After receiving the application, the Crime Victims' Compensation Program will process your request for compensation. This requires obtaining police reports, medical reports, employment verification (when applicable), and any other information necessary for the investigation.

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- An individual's benefits, such as sick leave, medical disability, social security, or restitution, are considered resources that must be used before Crime Victim's compensation dollars. Any monies recovered for the injury after compensation has been paid must be repaid to the Department.

- The Crime Victims' Compensation Program will notify you in writing of the decision regarding your application for compensation. The program is usually able to notify an applicant within 90 days of the date that the application is received at the Crime Victims' Assistance Section.

WHAT COSTS MAY BE PAID?

- ✓ Up to \$20,000 for reasonable medical and/or counseling expenses from a licensed professional.
- ✓ Up to \$20,000 for reasonable grief counseling expenses from a licensed provider for survivors of a deceased victim.
- ✓ Documented loss of earnings/support up to \$400 per week to a maximum of \$20,000.
- ✓ Funeral expenses up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- ✓ Up to \$5,000 for reasonable counseling expenses for abuse of a corpse.
- ✓ Rehabilitation, up to a maximum of \$4,000.
- ✓ Up to \$10,000 for reasonable counseling expenses from a licensed professional for children who witness domestic violence.
- ✓ Up to \$1,000 for reasonable counseling expenses for family members of an Oregon resident who is a victim of international terrorism.
- ✓ Up to \$500 for reasonable counseling expenses for friends or acquaintances of a deceased victim who are the first to discover the deceased victim's body.

Compensation expires three years after the date of the acceptance order (and no

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further payments will be made on adult claims). Claims for child victims remain open until the child's 21st birthday, or three years from the date of the acceptance order (whichever is longer).

Finally, compensation is NOT available for: (1) pain and suffering or property damage or loss, (2) nervous or mental shock due to property damage or loss.

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