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## WHAT IS THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND?

If you or a loved one has been an innocent victim of a crime, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) can provide financial reimbursement for crime-related expenses to ease some of the financial burdens you may face.

No one thinks crime will happen to them, but when it does it can be life-changing. You may not be able to work because of an injury, you may have medical bills piling up, or you may be scared to be in your own home.

### WHAT MAY BE COVERED?

- Wage Loss
- Domestic Loss of Support
- Funeral/Burial Expenses
- Installation of Security Systems, Doors or Locks
- Temporary Lodging
- Prescriptions
- Prosthetic Devices (such as eyeglasses or dentures)
- Counseling
- Dental/Medical Expenses
- Moving
- Crime Scene Clean-up

*The Fund does not reimburse for property or stolen money.*

### YOU SHOULD APPLY IF...

- You had a physical or emotional injury due to a violent crime
- You were the payer of funeral expenses due to a violent crime
- The crime occurred in Virginia
- The crime occurred outside of the United States, but you are a Virginia resident
- The crime was reported to police
- You have been cooperative with the police investigation and criminal court case
- You were not participating in illegal activity during the time of the crime
- You did not provoke or willingly participate in the crime

*There is no income guideline to be eligible.*

## THE PROCESS FOR COMPENSATION

1. Get an application by doing one of the following:
  - Contact your local Victim Witness Program- they can help you through much of the process
  - Print the application from our website at [www.CICF.state.va.us](http://www.CICF.state.va.us)
  - Have an application mailed to you by calling 1.800.552.4007
2. Fill out the application, have it notarized, and return to CICF by mail or in person.
3. You will receive a letter from CICF asking for any additional information, if needed. Once all necessary documents are collected, you will receive a decision letter on your claim. ***Please be aware it could take up to 6 months.***
4. Any reimbursement owed to you will arrive via check within 30 days of the award letter. If the money is owed to the provider, CICF will pay them directly.

**For more information: [www.CICF.state.va.us](http://www.CICF.state.va.us) or 1.800.552.4007**