

Victims Comp Information

What you need

Who is Eligible?

- Victims of violent crime occurring in Massachusetts
- Dependents and family members of homicide victims
- Any person responsible for funeral expenses of a homicide victim
- Works for those who are undocumented and homeless (Victims Comp. does not report to ICE)

What are the Requirements?

- The crime must have been reported to police within five days unless there is a good cause for delay
- You must cooperate with law enforcement officials in the investigation and prosecution of the crime unless there is a reasonable excuse not to cooperate.
- You must apply for compensation within 3 years of the crime. Victims under the age of 18 at the time of the crime may apply until the age 21, or later in certain limited circumstances.

Which Expenses are Covered?

To the extent insurance or other funds do not cover your crime related expenses, you may be reimbursed for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical and dental expenses (including equipment, supplies, and medications)• Counseling expenses (for victims, for family members of homicide victims, and for children who witness violence against a family member)• Funeral/burial costs (limits apply)• Lost Wages (for victims only)• Loss of financial support (for dependents of homicide victims)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homemaker expenses• Ancillary funeral/ burial• Replacement bedding/ clothing• Crime scene cleanup• Forensic Sexual Assault Exam• Security Measures• Counseling for non-offending parents of a child victim
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Expenses Not Covered: property losses, compensation for pain and suffering, and all other losses

How do I apply?

- Complete the application and return it to the Victim Compensation and Assistance Division for verification. In general, you will receive a decision four to six months later. It is important to keep proof of payments made (invoices, receipts, or statements) for expenses for expenses you wish to claim.
- Website: <https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-victims-of-violent-crime-compensation>
- Your claim can be reopened for future expenses so long as you have not reached the statutory cap.