

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ILLINOIS CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT

Secretary of State Jesse White administers money to Illinois victims of violent crimes through the Court of Claims Department. Under the Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Act, victims of violent crimes who have inadequate insurance or no source of funds to cover their expenses are eligible for compensation covering medical bills, counseling, lost wages and other expenses.

Where Should I Go?

If you are a victim of violent crime, your local library or police department can help you fill out the necessary application to become eligible for compensation through the Secretary of State's Court of Claims Department.

To be eligible for assistance:

1. You must report the crime within 72 hours to law enforcement (unless unable to do so) and cooperate with law enforcement.
2. You cannot contribute to the injury or death of a person by engaging in wrongful conduct or provocation.
3. You must complete an application. The application is available on the web site, or you may receive an application and help in filling it out through your local library or police department.

You can also find help at the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault or the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

For more information, contact the Secretary of State's office at (217) 782-7101 or (312) 814-5010 or (800) 228-3368.

For a copy of the Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Act, click on:
<http://www.legis.state.il.us/ilcs/ch740/ch740act45.htm>