are you a victim of violence?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Office of the Secretary of State
217-782-7101 or 312-814-5010
WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM

Office of the Attorney General
800-228-3368

Additional information may be found through the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State
Every day, every hour, every minute a violent crime is committed in Illinois. While many violent crimes such as murder, robbery and aggravated battery receive much of our attention, other violent crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse are dealt with in private and the victims may not know where to go for help.

To ensure that victims of violent crimes in Illinois get the compensation and justice they deserve, my office administers the Illinois Crime Victim’s Compensation Program. The program is adjudicated by the Illinois Court of Claims with the investigation by the Illinois Attorney General’s office.

Through the program, victims of violent crimes or their survivors can receive compensation for hospital and doctor bills, rehabilitation, loss of wages and tuition, and funeral/burial expenses when other sources of funding have been exhausted. The program can be a financial lifesaver for many victims who may not have the resources to cover the expenses incurred as a result of the crime.

Crime Victim’s Compensation applications are available at Illinois public libraries and law enforcement agencies as well as online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. If you are a victim of a violent crime or know someone who is, I encourage you to complete an application as soon as possible to ensure that you are compensated for any unmet needs resulting from the crime.

Jesse White
Secretary of State & Ex Officio Clerk of the Illinois Court of Claims

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.

**Violent crimes covered**
- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault and abuse
- Murder
- Involuntary manslaughter/reckless homicide
- Kidnapping
- Exploitation of a child
- Assault/battery
- Arson
- Driving under the influence
- Stalking

**$27,000 award cap for uncovered expenses**
- Medical expenses — hospital, doctor and nursing
- Rehabilitation services
- Counseling, psychiatry services for victim and family
- Lost wages of up to $1,000 per month
- Funeral/burial expenses of up to $5,000
- Crime scene cleanup, temporary lodging, loss of clothing for evidence

**Eligibility requirements**
- Must report the crime (unless unable to do so) and cooperate with law enforcement.
- Cannot contribute to the injury or death of a person by engaging in wrongful conduct or provocation.
- Must complete an application through your local library or police department.

**Application**
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The Attorney General’s office investigates and verifies information on an application and may request an applicant to appear for a personal interview. The Attorney General will submit a report and recommendation to the Illinois Court of Claims, which will make the final decision in the case.