



WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA VICTIMS FUND?

officially Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

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

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.virginiavictimsfund.org or have an application mailed to you by calling 1.800.552.4007.
2. Fill out the application, have it notarized, and return to VVF by mail or in person.
3. You will receive a letter from VVF 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, VVF will pay them directly.