

# **Alabama Crime Victims' Compensation Commission**

## **Innocent Victims of Violent Crime Can Get Help**

### **Who Can Apply?**

Any person who is an innocent victim of criminally injurious conduct and who has sustained personal injuries as a result, or the next-of-kin of a victim who died as a result of criminally injurious conduct.

### **What Other Requirements Must Be Met?**

- The crime was reported to law enforcement within seventy-two hours (unless good cause can be shown for not doing so). Good cause must be submitted in writing.
- The claim is filed within one year of the date of the incident (unless good cause can be shown for not doing so). Good cause must be submitted in writing.
- The victim suffered serious personal injury or death as a result of a criminal act.
- The victim cooperated with law enforcement officials, the prosecutors' office, the courts, and the Commission.
- The victim was not engaged in illegal activity (i.e., drug activity) or was not in an illegal place of business (i.e., shot house) at the time of the incident.
- The victim did not provoke, incite, or willingly take part in the incident.
- The victim was not convicted of a felony and/or did not perpetrate criminally injurious conduct after applying for compensation.
- The victim did not contribute to the victimization in any way.
- The victim's presence in the United State of America was lawful. (Claimants/victims who are certified by federal authorities as victims of human trafficking shall be eligible for compensation benefits. Victims of domestic violence who were illegal at the time of victimization may also qualify for compensation benefits.

### **What Compensation May Be Paid?**

The maximum award is \$20,000 with limitations on certain expenses. The award may cover the following:

Medical Care	Work loss due to the crime	Funeral expenses
Counseling	Rehabilitation of the victim	

The Commission pays only those expenses which are not covered by another source such as insurance, workman's compensation, etc. The victim or claimant must not receive compensation from two sources. Please Note: Stolen property, checks or cash will not be covered by the Commission. The Commission does not provide compensation for pain and suffering.

### **What Happens After I File?**

Your claim will be verified and processed to determine eligibility for compensation. After verification is completed and the information is reported to the Compensation Commission, the Commission will approve, not approve or reduce the claim.

### **How Will I Be Advised Of The Decision?**

You will be sent a copy of the decision detailing the decision of your claim. You may appeal the decision made by the Commission.

### **How Do I File A Claim?**

Contact us at:

**Alabama Crime Victims' Compensation Commission**

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