

## Resources

Legal Aid of N.C. Inc.  
1-919-856-2564  
[www.legalaidnc.org](http://www.legalaidnc.org)

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
1-919-956-9124  
[www.nccadv.org](http://www.nccadv.org)

North Carolina Victim Assistance Network  
1-800-348-5068  
[www.nc-van.org](http://www.nc-van.org)

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
1-919-870-8881  
[www.nccasa.org](http://www.nccasa.org)

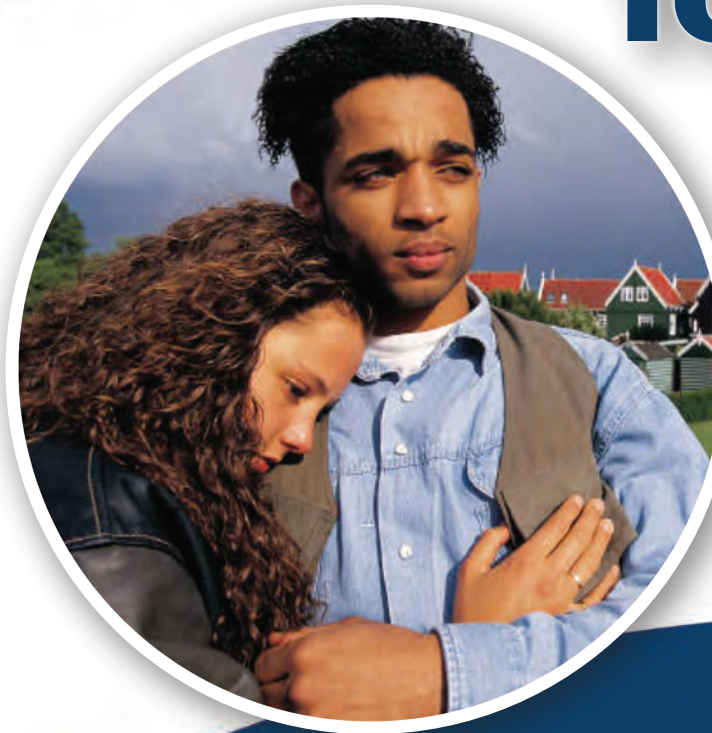
NC Statewide Automated Victim  
Assistance and Notification (NC SAVAN)  
1-877-NCSAVAN  
(1-877-627-2826)  
[www.ncsavan.org](http://www.ncsavan.org)



N.C. Department of Public Safety  
Victims Compensation Services  
1-800-826-6200  
(919) 733-7974  
(919) 715-4209 (Fax)  
[www.ncdps.gov/victimservices](http://www.ncdps.gov/victimservices)

# If Crime Strikes...

# You Can Get Help!



The state of North Carolina has a program to reimburse citizens who incur medical expenses and lost wages as a result of being an innocent victim of a crime committed in North Carolina.

# Victims Compensation Services

For a crime victim to qualify for compensation, the offense must have been committed in North Carolina and reported to law enforcement within 72 hours.

The claimant of a deceased innocent victim may qualify to receive compensation for funeral expenses up to \$5,000.

Victims of driving while impaired offenses or pedestrian, wheelchair or bicycle hit-and-run offenses may be eligible.

Others who may file a claim include an authorized representative or a third person who provided benefit to the victim or his/her family other than in the course of his employment, business or profession.



## Coverage

Qualifying applicants may receive compensation for medical expenses, counseling, lost wages, funeral expenses, prosthetics, eyeglasses, dental work, hospital bed fees and crime scene cleanup.

Personal property losses are not compensated, nor any reimbursement for pain or suffering.

Medical expenses incurred as a result of injuries are eligible for payment if within **ONE YEAR FROM THE CRIME DATE.**

Exception: Children 10 or younger are eligible up to two years from the crime date.

A maximum of \$30,000 may be paid for any award, except when the victim dies as a result of the crime. In that case, an additional \$5,000 may be paid toward funeral expenses.

Funds are paid directly to the provider for unpaid balances, and claims are paid as funds are available.



# Those Who Are NOT Eligible

State assistance shall be denied or reduced to the extent the medical expenses are recouped through a public or private insurance plan or other victim benefit source.

In addition, a victim or claimant is not eligible if he or she:

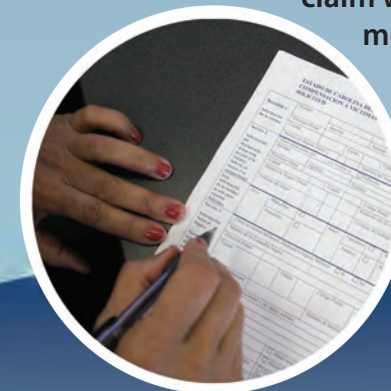
- fails to file within two years from the date of the incident
- does not incur economic loss within one year, (some exceptions are made for victims under the age of 10)
- contributes to the criminal conduct or was participating in criminal activity or contributed to the misconduct at the time of the incident
- is the offender or accomplice
- does not provide requested information or cooperate with the Crime Victims Compensation staff
- the award would benefit the offender or their accomplice
- is a prisoner in any state, county or city prison, correctional, youth services or juvenile facility, or local confinement facility, half-way house, group home or similar facility when the crime occurred

## Investigation of a Claim

Every claim filed will be investigated to verify that a crime was committed and that it resulted in emotional or physical injury or death.

The investigation will also examine whether the victim contributed to his or her injuries, if the injuries were sustained during an illegal activity or if any other crime was being committed at the time of the incident.

If a false claim is deliberately filed, the claimant will be subject to prosecution, the claim will be denied and the claimant will have to repay any money awarded.



## How to Apply:

Contact the  
Victims Compensation Services office  
for an application or download and  
mail an application:

[www.ncdps.gov/victimservices](http://www.ncdps.gov/victimservices)