

# Crime Victim Compensation



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## What is crime victim compensation (CVC)?

CVC is a program within **Labor and Industries (L&I)** that provides resources for individuals who may have been injured or traumatized as a result of a violent crime in Washington State.

Applications are available in nine languages: [Crime Victims Forms & Publications \(wa.gov\)](#).

If you have questions about CVC and the application call 1-800-762-3716 (toll free, interpreters are available) or visit <https://lni.wa.gov/claims/crime-victim-claims/apply-for-crime-victim-benefits/>.

## Costs Covered by CVC Include<sup>1</sup>:

- Expenses not covered by other insurance (co-pays, deductibles, etc.)
- Funeral expenses
- Grief counseling
- Medical and dental treatment
- Medication
- Mental health treatment
- Partial wage loss replacement
- Medical forensic exams for sexual assault cases and/or domestic violence strangulation cases (*this service does not require a report to law enforcement*)

## Who Can Apply?

Individuals who have:

- Experienced **physical injury or mental health** trauma as a result of gross misdemeanor or felony crime in WA State
- Reported crime to law enforcement
- Submitted a timely CVC application

For more details on filing requirements and information: [Who Can File and What is Covered \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Can Foreign Nationals, Immigrants Apply?

Yes, foreign nationals, immigrants and individuals without documentation status can apply.

- A social security number is not required
- There are no questions about documentation or immigration status
- The crime(s) has to have occurred in Washington State
- Every state has CVC programs

## What if the Crime Occurred Over a Long Period of Time?

- A description of the experience (crime) can be provided in the application if there is no firm date of the incident. *CVC does need a police report.*

## What if the Crime Occurred Years Ago, but the Victim Recently Disclosed?

- CVC will assess the unique experience(s) of individuals related to reporting the incident.

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<sup>1</sup> CVC is a secondary payer; assistance may be available if other sources such as insurance or Medicare have been billed or are unable to provide coverage.