

People are sometimes the innocent victims of violent crime.

This is what Ontario is doing to help compensate them.



Here in Ontario, we have a law called "The Compensation for Victims of Crime Act." It is administered by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Happily, not too many people need to use it.

But when someone is injured or killed by a crime of violence which is an offence against the Criminal Code of Canada, your Ontario Government may award compensation to the victim, a person responsible for supporting the victim, or the dependants of the victim.

Among the crimes for which compensation may be awarded are murder, wounding, assault and rape. And victims do not need to be the persons against whom the crime was originally directed. People killed or injured while preventing or attempting to prevent a crime against another person, arresting or attempting to arrest someone committing such a crime, or assisting a law-enforcement officer may also receive compensation.

Compensation may be awarded for:

- expenses incurred as a result of death or injury,
- monetary loss incurred because of the victim's inability to work,
- monetary loss incurred by dependants as a result of the victim's death.

Compensation may also be awarded for other results of violent crime.

Applications for compensation must be made within one year of the injury or death, but the applicant should apply as soon as possible—not wait for a court to convict the alleged criminal.

For enquiries, an application form, or a brochure explaining the Act in detail, contact:

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