

## Compensation for Victims of Crime Program

# Support for Victims

The Compensation for Victims of Crime Program gives compensation (money, services, support) to victims or witnesses who have been injured (physically or emotionally) because of certain crimes that occurred in Manitoba. It also gives compensation to the families and dependants of victims who died in a crime.

**You can apply for compensation as a victim, if you are injured as a direct result of a crime.**

**Note:** *The Compensation for Victims of Crime Program only covers physical or emotional injury. It does not cover damaged or stolen property or belongings.*

### Benefits available to eligible crime victims

Benefits:	For :	Examples/Amounts:
<b>Counselling services</b>	Victims who need help dealing with the emotional harm caused by the crime	Expenses for counselling with a counsellor approved by the program (including culturally sensitive alternative therapy)  Maximum compensation available: \$2,000
<b>Medical services</b>	Victims who need medical care for injuries caused by the crime	The cost for physical, massage or occupational therapy, cosmetic surgery, chiropractic services, ambulance
<b>Medical equipment and supplies</b>	Victims who need disability aids because of injuries caused by the crime	Cost of walkers, wheelchairs, vision or hearing aids, prosthetics, special equipment or supplies
<b>Prescription drugs</b>	Victims who need prescription drugs to recover from or deal with the effects of the crime	Cost of drugs prescribed by a health care professional
<b>Dental services</b>	Victims who need dental treatment because of injuries caused by the crime	Cost for diagnosis, dental treatment, bridges, crowns, dentures
<b>Loss of wages or income</b>	Employed or self-employed victims who cannot go back to work because of injuries caused by the crime	Payment every two weeks to help support the victim  Maximum compensation available: 55 per cent of the victim's gross income (up to \$486 per week)

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<b>Rehabilitation</b>	Employed or self-employed victims who need help to be able to go back to work	Expenses for physical, speech or occupational therapy (approved by the program)
<b>Retraining</b>	Employed or self-employed victims who cannot go back to work and need training to find a similar kind of job	Expenses for education and training courses or programs to improve skills
<b>Compensation for certain belongings that got damaged during the crime</b>	Victims whose clothing, eye glasses, disability aids, etc. were damaged during the crime	Cost to repair or replace prescription glasses, clothes, canes, walkers, hearing aids, etc.
<b>Travel and accommodation</b>	Victims who need to leave their community to get medical, counselling or other services because of the injuries caused by the crime	Expenses for cab, bus, plane, vehicle mileage, meals, hotel/motel
<b>Attendants</b>	Victims who need someone to help them (attendant) if there's nobody in the household who can help and if they do not qualify for the Manitoba Home Care Program	Expenses for personal care (ex: dressing, bathing) and household jobs (ex: cooking, cleaning, child care)
<b>Changes to home or vehicle</b>	Victims who need changes to their homes or their vehicles because of a disability caused by the crime	Cost to install ramps, widen doors, customize showers, etc.
<b>Child support for a child born as a result of crime</b>	Victims who give birth to a child as a result of a crime and need financial support for that child	Monthly child support payments  Maximum compensation available: \$270 per month
<b>Crime scene cleaning</b>	Victims who need special cleaning services for their home or vehicle because of the crime	Cost for professional cleaning and disinfecting of contaminated areas
<b>Permanent Impairment Award</b>	Victims who suffer a permanent physical or psychological injury because of the crime	Payment of a one-time lump sum benefit based on the type of disability