

# W Compensation for Victims of Crime Program

## Support for Witnesses

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 witness if you personally saw and were affected by the 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 witnesses

Benefits:	For:	Examples/Amounts:
<b>Counselling services</b>	Witnesses who need help dealing with the emotional harm caused by being a witness to the crime	Expenses for counselling with a counsellor approved by the program (including culturally sensitive alternative therapy)  Maximum compensation available: \$2,000
<b>Travel and accommodation</b>	Witnesses who need to leave their community to get counselling because of the crime	Expenses for cab, bus, plane, vehicle mileage, meals, hotel/motel
<b>Repair or replace clothing</b>	Witnesses who had the clothing that they were wearing damaged during the crime	Cost to clean, repair or replace clothing
<b>Crime scene cleaning</b>	Witnesses who need special cleaning services for their home or vehicle because of the crime	Cost for professional cleaning and disinfecting contaminated areas