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We have learned that you are a victim of a crime. The Victim Witness Unit at the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office provides assistance to victims to help lessen the loss and any inconveniences as a result of being victimized.

The Victim Witness Unit can help you apply for reimbursement of medical expenses and/or loss of earnings through the New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office. If you feel that you are in need of immediate support or counseling services, please contact 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc., Sexual Violence Hotline for free and confidential services on their 24-hour helpline at (888) 264-7273.

Enclosed, please find information on resources available to you. For statewide information on additional resources, you can visit <https://njcasa.org/our-work/resources/>.

If you would like further information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Victim Witness Unit at (732) 431-6459.

Nos hemos enterado que usted ha sido víctima de un crimen. La Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos en la oficina de la Fiscalía en el condado de Monmouth provee asistencia a las víctimas para ayudar a disminuir la pérdida y cualquier inconveniente como resultado de ser víctimas.

La Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos puede ayudarle a solicitar el reembolso de los gastos médicos y/o pérdida de ganancias a través de la Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas de Crímenes del Estado de New Jersey. Si cree que necesita servicios inmediatos de apoyo o asesoramiento, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina 180 Cambiando Vidas, o a la línea directa de violencia sexual para obtener servicios gratuitos y confidenciales al (866) 294-7378 las 24 horas del día.

Adjunto, encontrará información sobre los recursos disponibles para usted. Para obtener información a nivel estatal sobre recursos adicionales, puede visitar <https://njcasa.org/our-work/resources/>.

Si desea obtener más información o si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con la Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos a (732) 431-6459.

Sincerely/Atentamente,

LORI LINSKEY
ACTING MONMOUTH COUNTY PROSECUTOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Barbolini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

By: Barbara Barbolini
Director, Victim Witness Unit

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Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

In New Jersey, victims of sexual violence are afforded the following rights:

- (1) To have any allegation of sexual assault treated seriously; to be treated with dignity and compassion; and to be notified of existing medical, counseling, mental health, or other services available for victims of sexual assault, whether or not the crime is reported to law enforcement;
- (2) To be free, to the extent consistent with the New Jersey or United States Constitution, from any suggestion that victims are responsible for the commission of crimes against them or any suggestion that victims were contributorily negligent or assumed the risk of being assaulted;
- (3) To be free from any suggestion that victims are to report the crimes to be assured of any other guaranteed right and that victims should refrain from reporting crimes in order to avoid unwanted personal publicity;
- (4) When applicable, to no-cost access to the services of a sexual assault response team comprised of: a certified forensic nurse examiner, a confidential sexual violence advocate, and a law enforcement official as provided in accordance with the Attorney General's Standards for Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, and the choice to opt into or out of any of the team's services;
- (5) To be informed of, and assisted in exercising, the right to be confidentially or anonymously tested for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any other related virus identified as a probable causative agent of AIDS; and to be informed of, and assisted in exercising, any rights that may be provided by law to compel and disclose the results of testing of a sexual assault suspect for communicable diseases;
- (6) To have forensic medical evidence, if collected, retained for a minimum of five years, and to receive information about the status of the evidence upon request;
- (7) To choose whether to participate in any investigation of the assault;
- (8) To reasonable efforts to provide treatment and interviews in a language in which the victim is fluent and the right to be given access to appropriate assistive devices to accommodate disabilities that the victim may have, whether temporary or long term;
- (9) To information and assistance in accessing specialized mental health services; protection from further violence; other appropriate community or governmental services, including services provided by the Victims of Crime Compensation Office; and all other assistance available to crime victims under current law;
- (10) To be apprised of the availability and process by which a court may order the taking of testimony from a victim via closed circuit television in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1985, c.126 (C.2A:84A-32.4); and
- (11) To be apprised of the availability and process by which to seek protections through a temporary or final protective order under the "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015," P.L.2015, c.147 (C.2C:14-13 et seq.), if the victim believes that the victim is at risk for re-victimization or further harm by the perpetrator.

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Declaración de Derechos de La Víctima de Agresión Sexual

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

En Nueva Jersey a las víctimas de violencia sexual se les otorgan los siguientes derechos:

- (1) Que toda denuncia de agresión sexual sea tratada con seriedad; ser tratada/o con dignidad y compasión; y de ser notificada/o de servicios disponibles ya sean médicos, de consejería y asesoramiento, de salud mental, o de otros tipos disponibles para las víctimas de agresión sexual ya sea que se haya reportada el delito a las agencias del orden público o no.
- (2) De estar libres, en la medida compatible con la Constitución de Nueva Jersey o de Los Estados Unidos, de cualquier inferencia que las víctimas son las responsables por los delitos que se cometen en su contra o de alguna inferencia que las víctimas contribuyeron al delito por su negligencia o que asumido el riesgo de ser agredidas/os.
- (3) De estar libres de cualquier inferencia que las víctimas deben reportar los delitos para que se asegure algún otro derecho garantizado y que las víctimas deben evitar reportar los delitos para evitar publicidad personal no deseada.
- (4) Cuando aplique, al acceso sin costo a los servicios de un equipo de respuesta a la agresión sexual comprendido por una enfermera examinadora forense certificada, un asesor confidencial de violencia sexual, y un oficial del orden público como lo indican los Estándares de la Oficina del Fiscal General para proveer servicios a las Víctimas de Agresión Sexual, y de tener la opción de participar o no con los servicios que provee el equipo y que usted escoja.
- (5) De que se le informe y que se le ayude a ejercer su derecho a obtener pruebas confidenciales para detectar el Síndrome de Inmunodeficiencia Adquirida (SIDA) o la infección con el Virus de Inmunodeficiencia Humana (VIH) o de cualquier otro virus relacionado e identificado como probable agente causante del SIDA; y de permanecer informada/o y recibir asistencia al ejercer cualquier derecho que le otorgue la ley para requerir y divulgar los resultados de pruebas que se le hayan hecho a un sospechoso de agresión sexual para detectar enfermedades transmisibles;
- (6) Que se guarden los resultados de las pruebas médicas forenses, si es que se han colectado, por un mínimo de cinco años, y de recibir información sobre la condición/estatus de las evidencias cuando la solicite.
- (7) Decidir si participar o no en la investigación de la agresión.
- (8) Que se hagan esfuerzos razonables para proveer tratamiento y entrevistas en el idioma en el que la víctima hable con fluidez y dar acceso a dispositivos de asistencia adecuados en relación a cualquier incapacidad que pueda tener la víctima ya sea temporal o a largo plazo;
- (9) A tener información y ayuda para poder tener acceso a servicios especializados de salud mental; a protección contra nuevos actos de violencia; a otros servicios apropiados ya sean comunitarios o gubernamentales, incluyendo los servicios proveídos por la Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas del Crimen; y toda otra ayuda disponible a víctimas de delitos conforme a las leyes vigentes.
- (10) De ser informada/o de la disponibilidad y el proceso por el cual un tribunal puede ordenar testimonio de una víctima a través de circuito cerrado de televisión conforme a la sección 1 de P.L. 1985, c.126 (C.2A:84A-32.4); y
- (11) De ser informada/o sobre la disponibilidad y el proceso para solicitar protección mediante una orden de alejamiento temporal o permanente conforme a "la Ley de protección a sobrevivientes de agresiones sexuales del 2015," P.L.2015, c.147 (C.2C:14-13 et seq.), si la víctima cree que corre el riesgo de ser víctima de nuevo o de daño adicional por parte del autor.

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YOUR RIGHTS AS A CRIME VICTIM:

The Victims' Rights Amendment NJ Constitution Article 1, Paragraph 22

“A victim of crime shall be treated with fairness, compassion and respect by the criminal justice system. A victim of a crime shall not be denied the right to be present at public judicial proceedings except when, prior to completing testimony, as a witness, the victim is properly sequestered in accordance with law or the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey.

A victim of a crime shall be entitled to those rights and remedies as may be provided by the Legislature. For the purpose of this paragraph, victim of a crime means:

a). A person who has suffered physical or psychological injury or has incurred loss of or damage to personal or real property as a result of a crime or an incident involving another person operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and b). the spouse, parent, legal guardian, grandparent, child or sibling or the decedent in the case of a criminal homicide.”

New Jersey Crime Victims Bill of Rights - N.J.S.A. 52:4B - 36

1.

- To be treated with dignity and compassion by the Criminal Justice System;
- To be informed about the Criminal Justice process;
- To be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse by any person including the defendant or any other person acting in support of or on behalf of the defendant, due to the involvement of the victim or witness in the criminal justice process;
- To have inconveniences associated with participation in the justice process minimized;
- To make at least one telephone call provided the call is reasonable in length and location;
- To medical assistance reasonably related to the incident;
- To be notified in a timely manner, if practicable, if presence in court is not needed or if any scheduled court proceeding has been adjourned or cancelled;
- To be informed about available remedies, financial assistance and social services;
- To be compensated for loss sustained by the victim whenever possible;
- To be provided a secure but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings;
- To be advised of case progress and final disposition and to confer with the prosecutor's representative so that the victim may be kept adequately informed;
- To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence;

- To submit a written statement, within a reasonable amount of time, about the impact of the crime to a representative of the prosecuting agency which shall be considered prior to the prosecutor's final decision concerning whether formal criminal charges will be filed, whether the prosecutor will consent to a request by the defendant to enter into a pre-trial program, and whether the prosecutor will make or agree to a negotiated plea;
- To make, prior to sentencing, an in-person statement directly to the sentencing court;
- To have the opportunity to consult with the prosecuting authority prior to the conclusion of any plea negotiations, and to have the prosecutor advise the court of the consultation and the victim's position regarding the plea agreement, provided however that nothing herein shall be construed to alter or limit the authority or discretion of the prosecutor to enter into any plea agreement which the prosecutor deems appropriate.
- To be present at any judicial proceeding involving a crime or any juvenile proceeding involving a criminal offense except as otherwise provided by Article I, paragraph 22 of the New Jersey Constitution;
- To be notified of any release or escape of the defendant;
- To appear in any court before which a proceeding implicating the rights of the victim is being held, with standing to file a motion or present argument on a motion filed to enforce any right conferred herein or by

Article I, paragraph 22 of the New Jersey Constitution, and to receive an adjudicative decision by the court on any such motion.

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- a. A victim's survivor may, at the time of making the in-person statement to the sentencing court authorized by subsection. n. section 3 of P.L. 1985, c.249 (C.52:4B-36), display directly to the sentencing court a photograph of the victim taken before the homicide including, but not limited to, a still photograph, a computer generated presentation, or a video presentation of the victim. The time, length and content of such presentation shall be within the sound discretion of the sentencing judge.
- b. A victim's survivor may, during any judicial proceeding involving the defendant, wear a button not exceeding four inches in diameter that contains a picture of the victim, if the court determines that the wearing of such button will not deprive the defendant of his right to a fair trial under the Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I of the New Jersey Constitution. Other spectators at such judicial proceedings may also wear similar buttons if the court so determines. If the victim's survivor seeks to wear the button at trial, the victim's survivor shall give notice to the defendant and to the court no less than 30 days prior to the final trial date.



Victim Witness Unit
MONMOUTH COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

VICTIM WITNESS SERVICES

- Provide information about the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems
- Information on the status and disposition of the case in which you are involved
- Crisis Intervention
- Transportation
- Provide secure waiting area
- Property return assistance
- Assistance with completing and providing a Victim Impact Statement
- Accompaniment to the courtroom
- Child care while you are testifying
- Information and assistance with applications to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO)
- Assistance in receiving restitution and other funds that apply
- Employer, school and creditor intercession services
- Counseling referrals
- Referrals to social service agencies
- Assistance obtaining notification when a defendant is released from custody
- Interpreting services

In a case involving a victim of aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault:

- Upon request, the victim has the right to apply for a court order requiring the offender to submit to an approved serological test for AIDS or HIV in the event that the offender is formally charged
- The victim has the right to be notified of the offender's test results

SERVICE AGENCIES

**Victims of Crime
Compensation Office**
877-658-2221

New Jersey State Parole Board
Victim Service Unit, Trenton
609-292-4582

Child Advocacy Center
732-431-7160 x8660

Children's Mobile Response
877-652-7624

**Division of Child Protection
and Permanency**
Hotline 800-422-4453

**Domestic Violence;
180 Turning Lives Around**
888-843-9262

Sexual Assault
732-264-RAPE

**V.I.N.E.
Victim Information
Notification Everyday**
www.vinelink.com

For more information:



**Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
Victim-Witness Unit**
132 Jerseyville Avenue
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-431-6459

www.mcponj.org

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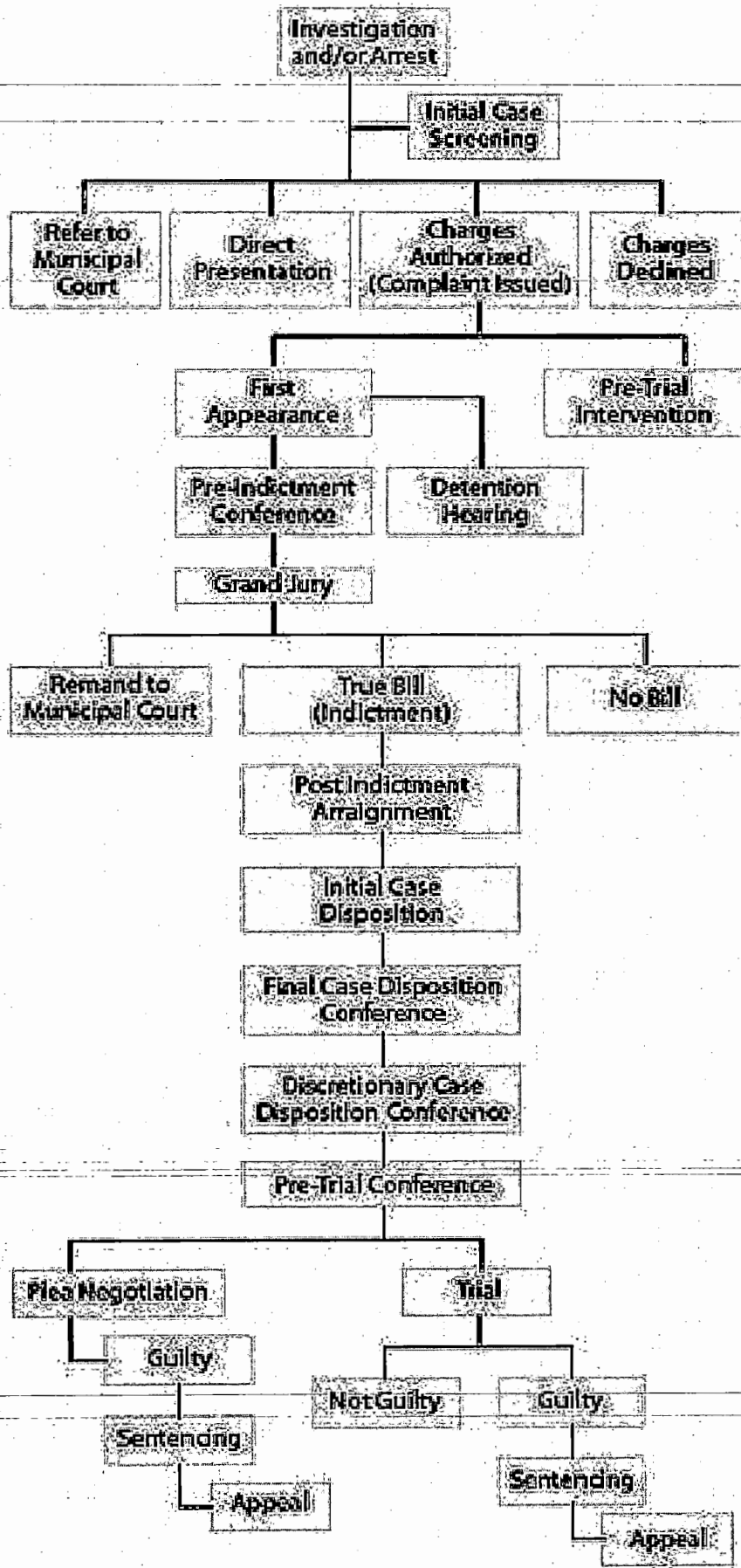
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Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor



VICTIM WITNESS UNIT



The Criminal Case Process



the sexual assault survivor protection act (SASPA)



The **Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act (SASPA)** expands opportunities for survivors of sexual violence to apply for a protective order against their perpetrator, without reporting to law enforcement or filing criminal charges. SASPA was passed into law in November 2015 and was enacted in May 2016.

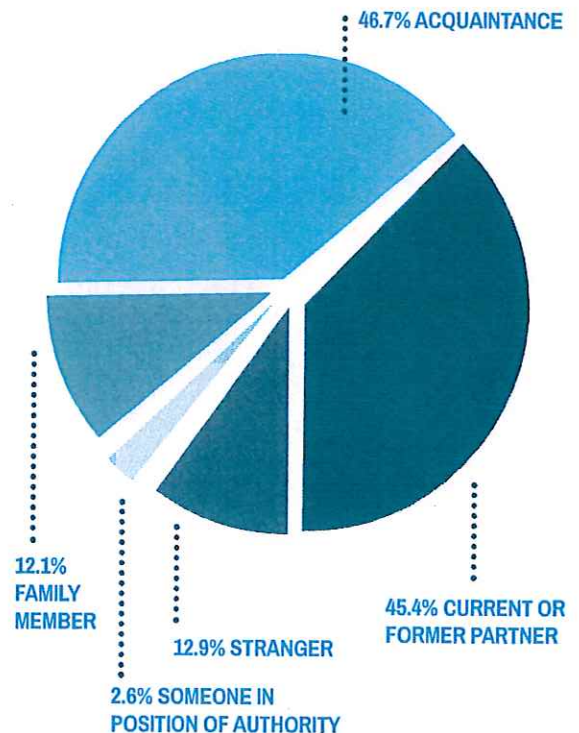
The vast majority of sexual violence survivors **know their perpetrator**. SASPA closed a legal loophole, where protective orders weren't available for survivors of sexual assault unless there was a charge or conviction.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER & WHAT DOES IT DO?

A protective order is a document issued by the court to help protect a survivor from a perpetrator and stop any further acts of violence or intimidating behaviors.

A protective order can shield survivors from:

- Further acts of violence
- Seeing a perpetrator (the person can be prevented from entering specific places that the survivor or their household members regularly frequent, such as work, home, or school)
- Future contact with their perpetrator (whether in-person, over the phone, or through another person)
- Stalking behaviors
- Harassment, including online harassment, of the survivor, their family members, or their employer/employees
- Any other relief the court deems appropriate



Data per the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2014. Results add up to over 100% to account for multiple perpetrators.

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The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCSA) is the statewide organization representing 21 county-based rape crisis centers and Rutgers University's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. NJCSA elevates the voices of survivors and service providers through advocacy, training, and support for efforts to create safer communities for all women, men and children.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER & WHAT DOES IT DO?

There are two types of protective orders: a temporary protective order (TPO) and a final protective order (FPO).

- A **temporary protective order** is the initial type of protective order survivors can receive. It protects

against the same kind of harassing behaviors as a final protective order, but it only remains in place until the final protective order hearing.

- A **final protective order** outlines harassing behaviors that cannot continue. It is forwarded to the police department where the survivor lives, as well as where the perpetrator lives. FPOs never expire, and are valid anywhere in New Jersey.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER SASPA?

Generally, survivors of sexual violence who are subjected to continued harassing behaviors from their abuser, who do not qualify for a domestic violence restraining order, can apply for a protective order under SASPA.

Survivors can apply for a protective order regardless of if the assault was reported to law enforcement.

If you feel you are in **immediate danger**, contact local law enforcement.

WHY MAY SOMEONE CHOOSE TO APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Everyone's situation is unique and requesting a protective order is a decision only the survivor can make. For some, a protective order will end harmful behaviors. Others may feel a protective order could cause a perpetrator to escalate.

Protective order hearings can be stressful – it may not be the right decision for you at this time, or ever. **Every person has the right** to practice self-care and make decisions that are best for their own wellbeing.

▶ be prepared:

While a protective order will discourage many perpetrators from continuing harassing behavior, it is often one piece of a comprehensive plan for safety and well-being. Working with an advocate may help a survivor feel empowered to access other support systems.

HOW DO SURVIVORS APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER?

A person who is seeking a protective order may file in person at the Superior Court in their county. A list of courthouses in New Jersey is available at:

<https://www.njcasa.org/find-a-courthouse/>

The process may take several hours. You will need to provide a *specific and comprehensive* written statement to a hearing officer. Everything included in this statement can be brought up in the protective order hearing(s); anything not included *cannot be referenced in your testimony*.

It's important that the statement comprehensively details abusive or harassing behaviors and is specific. Include actual language the perpetrator used.

📱 example:

Rather than saying, "He texted me a lot," include detail, such as: "He texted me six times in one hour, threatening to release pictures of me."

There are no court fees associated with receiving a TPO. While a lawyer is not necessary to seek a PO, it may be helpful to speak to one or to contact an advocate. Your county-based sexual violence service provider can provide trained advocates to provide additional information, link you with resources, and offer emotional support; **find a program at:**

<https://www.njcasa.org/find-help>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.NJCASA.ORG/SASPA/](https://www.njcasa.org/saspa/)



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our mission

The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) reimburses certain victims of crime for some of the expenses they suffer as a result of a crime. The VCCO is mindful of the special needs of victims and their right to be treated with fairness, compassion and respect.

eligible crimes

This is a list of the types of crimes that may qualify. Certain conditions may apply. For more information, please contact the VCCO:

- Assault
- Arson
- Bias crime
- Burglary*
- Disorderly conduct offenses
- Domestic violence
- Human trafficking
- Indecent acts with children
- Kidnapping
- Lewd, indecent or obscene acts
- Manslaughter
- Motor vehicle offenses
- Murder
- Robbery
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Threats to do bodily harm

**Must be in structure during burglary.*

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conditions

- The crime must have occurred in New Jersey or to a New Jersey resident
- The victim must have reported the crime to police
- The victim should cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the crime, if reasonable
- The claim must be filed within 5 years of the date of the crime in most cases

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Toll Free **877-658-2221**



If I qualify, what can the VCCO pay?

Expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement include:

- Hospital, physician and medical expenses
- Mental health counseling expenses up to \$20,000
- Loss of earnings up to \$600 per week
 - Temporary disability, not to exceed 24 months
 - Permanent disability, maximum 60 months
 - Loss of earning for dependants or family members
 - Bereavement, maximum two weeks
 - Loss of wages due to court attendance
- Loss of financial support up to \$600 per week, maximum 48 months
- Funeral expenses maximum \$7,500
- Attorney fees:
 - Victims' rights attorney fees up to \$275 per hour, maximum \$10,000
 - Representation with the VCCO claim up to 15% of award at \$275 per hour
- Relocation expenses up to \$3,000
- Crime scene clean up to \$4,000
- Child care/day care/domestic help services up to \$6,500

The VCCO is a payer of last resort

- Victims must first utilize and exhaust other resources including State benefits and insurance.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Crime Victims' Compensation?

The Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) reimburses victims of a crime for some of the expenses they incur as a result of a crime.

Do all crime victims get paid?

Not always. The law sets forth the types of crimes that can be covered by the VCCO. Further, if victims participated in the crime or contributed to their injuries, they may be denied compensation.

Who is eligible to file?

- Victims may file their own applications.
- Family members, and dependents of victims or the estate of the victims
- A person who paid for some of the services for the victim
- The guardian, guardian ad litem, estate representative, authorized agent of the victim or the victim's dependents

Can the VCCO reimburse me directly for expenses?

Yes. Victims or claimants can be reimbursed for some expenses.

Can I still file a claim if the suspect has not been arrested or if the accused is acquitted at trial?

Yes. Compensation may be made whether or not a person is prosecuted or found guilty.

Can the VCCO pay providers directly?

Yes. Once a claim is approved, payment can be made directly to providers.

I have received additional bills that were not considered in my initial award. Can I still submit them?

Yes. Crime related bills can be considered for additional reimbursement after the initial payment award has been made.

How do I apply?

Complete the online VCCO claim form at www.njvictims.org. Include police reports and any documentation showing financial loss or need if possible. Once an application is received, a claims specialist will contact you.

Applications are also available from any of the 21 County Prosecutors' Offices through their Victim Witness Coordinators.

For more information or for a claim application, please contact us by phone, mail, fax, or visit our web site.

NJ Office of the Attorney General
Victims of Crime Compensation Office
50 Park Place, 5th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Walk-in Clients: Please visit our web site, or call our toll free number for details.

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Phone: 973-648-2107

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Web site: www.njvictims.org



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nuestra misión

La Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas del Crimen de Nueva Jersey (VCCO) reembolsa a ciertas víctimas del crimen por algunos de los gastos que incurren a causa de un crimen. La VCCO reconoce las necesidades especiales de las víctimas y el derecho que tienen de ser tratadas con justicia, compasión y respeto.

Crímenes elegibles

Esta es una lista de los tipos de crímenes que pueden calificar. Pueden aplicar ciertas condiciones. Para mayor información, favor contactar a la VCCO:

- Agresión
- Incendio provocado
- Discriminación
- Allanamamiento*
- Ofensas de comportamiento escandaloso
- Violencia Domestica
- Trata de personas
- Actos indecentes con menores
- Secuestro
- Actos lascivos, obscenos o indecentes
- Homicidio Culposo
- Ofensas de vehículos motorizados
- Asesinato
- Robo con violencia
- Agresión Sexual
- Acecho
- Amenazas de lesión corporal

*Debe encontrarse en el edificio durante la comisión del crimen

aplique en línea en:

requisitos

- El crimen tiene que haber ocurrido en Nueva Jersey o a un residente de Nueva Jersey
- La víctima debe haber reportado el crimen a la policía
- La víctima debe cooperar con la investigación y el procesamiento del crimen, si es factible
- El reclamo debe ser presentado dentro de un plazo de 5 años de la fecha del crimen en la mayoría de los casos

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Número de llamada gratuita

877-658-2221

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¿Si califico, que puede pagar la VCCO?

Gastos que pueden ser elegibles para reembolso incluyen:

- Gastos de Hospital, de médicos y gastos médicos
- Asesoría de Salud Mental gastos de hasta \$20,000
- Pérdida de ingresos de hasta \$600 a la semana
 - Discapacidad Temporal, a no exceder 24 meses
 - Discapacidad Permanente, máximo 60 meses
 - Perdida de ingresos de dependientes o miembros de familia
 - Duelo, máximo dos semanas
 - Perdida de ingresos por asistir al tribunal
- Perdida de apoyo económico de \$600 semanales, máximo 48 meses
- Gastos de funeral hasta \$7,500
- Honorarios de Abogados:
 - Honorarios de abogados de derechos de las victimas hasta \$275 por hora, máximo \$10,000
 - Representación con el reclamo VCCO de hasta el 15% de la compensación en \$275 por hora
- Gastos de Reubicación de hasta \$3,000
- Limpieza lugar del crimen hasta \$4,000
- Cuidado Infantil/Guardería servicios domésticos hasta \$6,500

La VCCO es pagador de último recurso

- Las victimas primero deberán utilizar y agotar otros recursos incluyendo el seguro y los beneficios del estado.

Preguntas frecuentes

¿Qué es la Compensación para víctimas del crimen?

La Oficina para compensación para víctimas del crimen (VCCO) reembolsa a las víctimas de un crimen por algunos de los gastos que tuvieron como resultado de un crimen.

¿Se le paga a todas las victimas del crimen?

No siempre. La ley establece los tipos de crímenes que cubre la VCCO. Además, si las victimas participaron en el crimen o contribuyeron a sus lesiones, se le puede negar la compensación.

¿Quién es elegible para solicitar?

- Las victimas pueden presentar sus propias solicitudes.
- Miembros de familia y dependientes de las víctimas o el caudal hereditario de la víctima
- Una persona que haya pagado por algunos de los servicios que recibió la víctima
- El tutor, tutor legal, representante del caudal hereditario, agente autorizado de la víctima o de los dependientes de la víctima

¿Puede la VCCO reembolsarme directamente por gastos?

Sí. A las víctimas o reclamantes de les puede reembolsar por algunos gastos.

¿Puedo presentar un reclamo si el sospechoso aún no ha sido arrestado o si queda absuelto luego de un juicio?

Sí. La compensación puede otorgarse ya sea que la persona sea enjuiciada o determinada culpable o no.

¿La VCCO puede Pagarles directamente a los proveedores de servicios?

Sí. Una vez sea aprobado el reclamo, el pago puede hacerse directamente a los proveedores de servicios.

He recibido facturas adicionales que no se consideraron en mi otorgamiento inicial.

¿Aún puedo presentarlas?

Sí. Se pueden considerar cuentas relacionadas con el crimen para reembolso adicional luego del otorgamiento inicial

¿Cómo presento la solicitud?

Llene el formulario VCCO en línea en www.njvictims.org. Incluya informes de la policia y cualquier prueba que muestre pérdidas económicas o necesidad si es posible. Una vez recibamos su solicitud, un especialista en reclamos le atenderá.

También hay solicitudes disponibles en cada una de las 21 Oficinas del Procurador del Condado a través de su Coordinador Victima/Testigo.

Para más información o para pedir una solicitud de reclamo, favor contactarnos por teléfono, correo, fax, o visite nuestro sitio web.

NJ Office of the Attorney General
Victims of Crime Compensation Office
50 Park Place, 5th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

Horario: 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Atención sin cita: Por favor visite nuestro sitio web, o llame a nuestro número sin cobros para más detalles.

Sin cobros: 877-658-2221

Teléfono: 973-648-2107

Fax: 973-648-3937

Sitio Web: www.njvictims.org



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Los ayudamos a normalizar su vida

"I was recently taken care of by several members of your program. I can't express what a blessing it is. The dignity and care that you afford people is invaluable. I wish this program was everywhere."

- Sexual Violence Program Client

Many survivors find it helpful to talk with a Sexual Violence Counselor who is trained to listen, understand, and help deal with how they are feeling.

Call our Sexual Violence Program for counseling, referrals and support 1-888-264-7273.



Supportive Individual and Group Counseling

Individuals who have survived sexual violence need specialized care. 180's Sexual Violence Counselors gently guide survivors and their significant others to trauma recovery in a safe, supportive environment. 180's approach blends compassion with empowerment, ultimately enabling survivors to regain control of their own lives.

Common Reactions to Trauma

Everyone copes with crisis differently. Any reaction to sexual violence should be accepted as a normal reaction. Survivors may experience any number of trauma symptoms at any point in the aftermath including:

Physical Symptoms

Soreness, pain, changes in eating and sleeping, and general fatigue.

Emotional Symptoms

Shock, disbelief, fear, shame, self-blame, guilt, isolation, grief, depression, anger, and embarrassment. Emotional scars may take longer to heal than physical injuries.

Cognitive Symptoms

Difficulty concentrating, intrusive thoughts and/or images of the assault.

180 Turning Lives Around, Inc.

Our mission:

- to empower survivors and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault to find the courage and strength to turn their lives around.

We support this mission through:

- 24/7 helplines and counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Emergency shelter and transitional housing
- Art, play and music therapy

We envision a society where everyone lives free from violence and abuse.

180 Turning Lives Around, Inc.

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Building 3, Suite 42
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SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Providing supportive counseling, advocacy and accompaniment through medical, police, & legal proceedings.



Sexual Violence Hotline

1.888.264.RAPE (7273)

Domestic Violence Hotline

1.888.843.9262

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Texting Available

732.977.2832 (M-F 9:00-5:00) or

732.977.2766 (evenings, weekends & holidays)

2ND Floor Youth Helpline

1.888.222.2228



Sexual Violence Is...

- Any sexual contact that is forced or without consent. It may take the form of being touched, forced to touch someone else, or to watch them touch themselves.
- Motivated by the perpetrator's need to overpower, control, degrade, and humiliate another.
- Solely caused by the perpetrator's decision to commit the offense.
- Never the victim's fault. It is not the result of what they wore or their behavior.
- Not about uncontrollable sexual urges or the desire for sexual gratification. The majority of sexual violence is planned.
- A method of expressing anger and aggression.
- Committed by strangers, as well as people we know and trust. In fact, over 80% of sexual violence is committed by acquaintances, dates, partners, spouses, and family members.
- A crime that can affect the whole family including the victim's spouse, partner, parents, other close relatives or friends.

Victims can be of any gender, age, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation.



If Sexual Violence happens to you...

- Find a safe place and consider notifying the police.
- Call **180's 24-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Hotline at 732-264-7273 or 1-888-264-7273** for support, information, and accompaniment through medical and police proceedings, and for our counseling services. 180's highly-trained, Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates are members of the **Monmouth County Sexual Assault Response Team***.
- A Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate can accompany you at the five area hospitals, and all police departments in Monmouth County, for support during the forensic exam, police formal statement, and at the time of Grand Jury, if needed.
- **Do not shower, bathe, douche, eat, drink, smoke, urinate, or change clothing, if possible, to preserve evidence. If you have changed, place each piece of clothing in a separate bag. If you think you may have been drugged, try to collect a urine sample.**
- Seek immediate medical attention for possible injuries, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy.

* The Monmouth County Sexual Assault Response Team includes:

- **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner:** A nurse certified to collect forensic evidence that may be used in the prosecution of the crime, and provide medical care and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and early unwanted pregnancy. *There is no fee for this service.*
- **Law Enforcement:** A police officer who will obtain information regarding the assault and initiate the police investigation. A forensic exam and medical treatment can also be obtained without the involvement of law enforcement.

This coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to sexual violence ensures appropriate, timely, and compassionate care for victims and quality evidence collection, which may increase the potential for successful prosecution, if so desired.

If Sexual Violence happens to someone you know...

- *Call our confidential hotline for support and information for yourself.*
- *Allow the survivor the opportunity to make their own decisions.* Victims may experience feelings of vulnerability, and loss of control over their own body and very existence. You may help by offering information and options.
- *Assure the survivor that you believe them.* Remind them that the assault was not their fault. Do not blame, suggest blame, judge, or criticize. Avoid showing strong emotion of any kind.
- *Be supportive.* Recognize that the course of action the survivor used to get through the ordeal was effective.
- *Allow the survivor space and time to talk, or not to talk.* It is common for a survivor to choose to protect those to whom they are close by not sharing details.

Sexual Violence Protection Order

A protection order is a court order signed by a judge telling a defendant to have no further contact with the plaintiff (victim or parent/guardian) in-person, by phone, mail, e-mail, text, social media, or through electronic devices at home, school, work, or an area frequented by the plaintiff. A temporary order is issued ex parte (on the plaintiff's sworn testimony only) at State Superior Court. A final hearing will be held within ten days to give the accused the opportunity to defend themselves. The protection order is a civil document and may be applied for without filing criminal charges or regardless of the disposition of any charges, if filed. A violation of the protection order is a criminal offense.

180's Sexual Violence Court Advocate is available to support the victim or parent/guardian through the Sexual Violence Protection Order proceedings from initial filing through to the hearing for the final protection order.

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