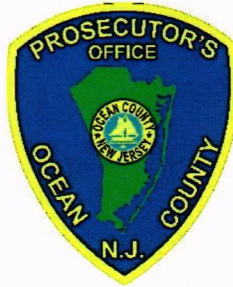


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We have learned that you are a victim of a crime. The Victim Witness Unit at the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office provides assistance to victims to help lessen the loss and any inconveniences as a result of being victimized. The Victim Witness Unit can help you apply for reimbursement of medical and counseling expenses, and/or loss of earning, through the New Jersey Victim of Crime Compensation Office.

If you feel that you are in need of immediate support or counseling services, please contact St. Francis Counseling Service for free and confidential services on their 24-hour bilingual helpline at (609) 494-1090. 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) 929-2195.

Hemos aprendido que usted ha sido víctima de un crimen. La Unidad de Víctimas y Testigos en la oficina de la Fiscalía en el Condado de Ocean 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 gastos de consejero o pérdida de ganancias a través de la Junta de Compensación para Víctimas de Crímenes del Estado de New Jersey.

Si siente que necesita servicios inmediatos de apoyo o asesoramiento, póngase en contacto con el Servicio de Asesoría de St. Francis para servicios gratuitos y confidenciales en su línea de ayuda bilingüe las 24 horas al (609) 494-1090. 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 tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con la unidad Consejera de Víctimas a (732) 929-2195.

Sincerely/Atentamente,

Carol Froberg
Victim Witness Director/Coordinador de Víctimas y Testigos.

Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights

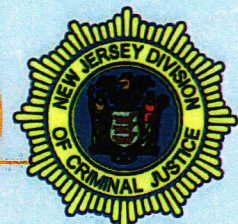
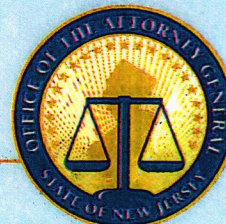
N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

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.

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Declaración de Derechos de La Víctima de Agresión Sexual

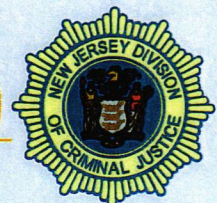
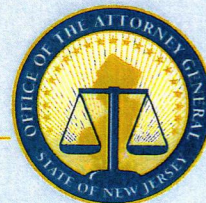
N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

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 les 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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STATE OF NEW JERSEY - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION OFFICE



Crime Victims Bill of Rights (NJS 52:4B-36)

Without the participation and cooperation of crime victims and witnesses, the criminal justice system would cease to function. The rights of these individuals should be given full recognition and protection. The State has the responsibility to enhance and protect the necessary role of crime victims and witnesses in the criminal justice process. In furtherance of this, the improved treatment of these persons should be assured through the establishment of specific rights. These rights are among the most fundamental and important in assuring public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Crime victims and witnesses are entitled to the following rights:

- a. To be treated with dignity and compassion by the criminal justice system
- b. To be informed about the criminal justice process
- c. To be free from intimidation
- d. To have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized to the fullest extent possible
- e. To make at least one telephone call provided the call is reasonable in both length and location called
- f. To medical assistance if, in the judgment of the law enforcement agency, medical assistance appears necessary
- g. To be notified if presence in court is not needed
- h. To be informed about available remedies, financial assistance and social services
- i. To be compensated for their loss whenever possible
- j. To be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings
- k. To be advised of case progress and final disposition
- l. To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence
- m. To submit a written statement about the impact of the crime to a representative of the county prosecutor's office which shall be considered prior to the prosecutor's final decision concerning whether formal criminal charges will be filed
- n. To make, prior to sentencing, an in-person statement directly to the sentencing court concerning the impact of the crime. This statement is to be made in addition to the statement permitted for inclusion in the presentence report by N.J.S. 2C:44-6. In any homicide prosecution the victim's survivor may display directly to the sentencing court at the time of this statement a photograph of the victim taken before the homicide.





LAW & LEGISLATION

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.

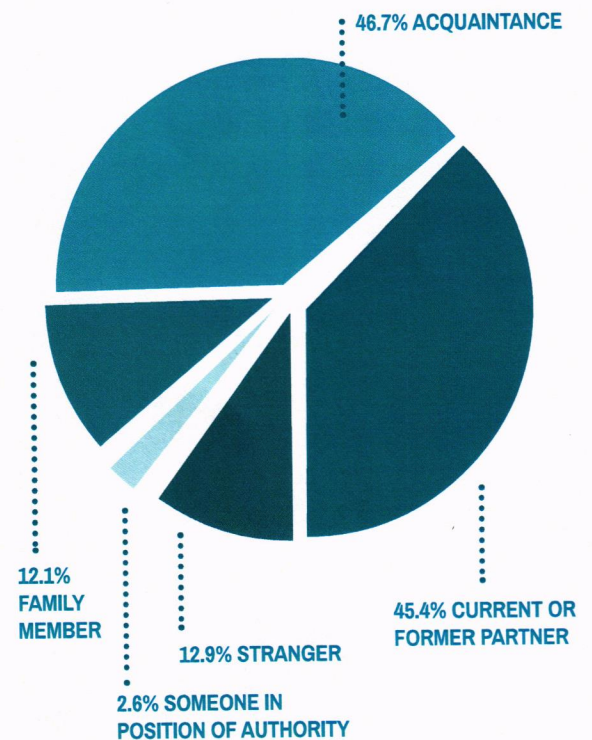
The vast majority of sexual violence survivors **know their perpetrator**. SASPA closed a legal loophole, where protective orders weren't available for survivors of sexual assault unless there was a charge or conviction.

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 (NJCASA) is the statewide organization representing 21 county-based rape crisis centers and Rutgers University's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. NJCASA 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.

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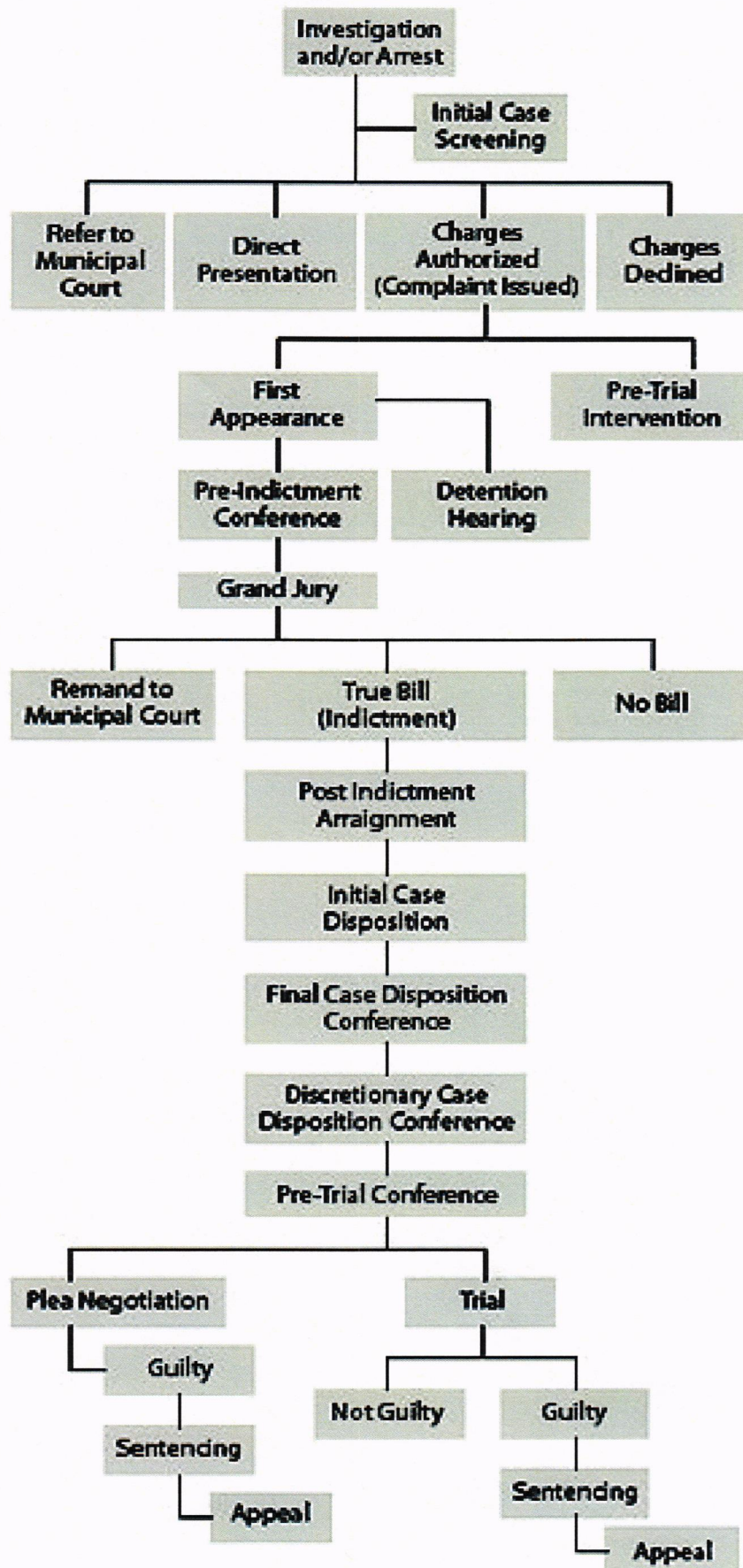
Rather than saying, "He texted me a lot," include detail, such as: "He texted me six times in one hour, threatening to release pictures of me."

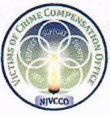
There are no court fees associated with receiving a TPO. While a lawyer is not necessary to seek a PO, it may be helpful to speak to one or to contact an advocate. Your county-based sexual violence service provider can provide trained advocates to provide additional information, link you with resources, 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/)

The Criminal Case Process





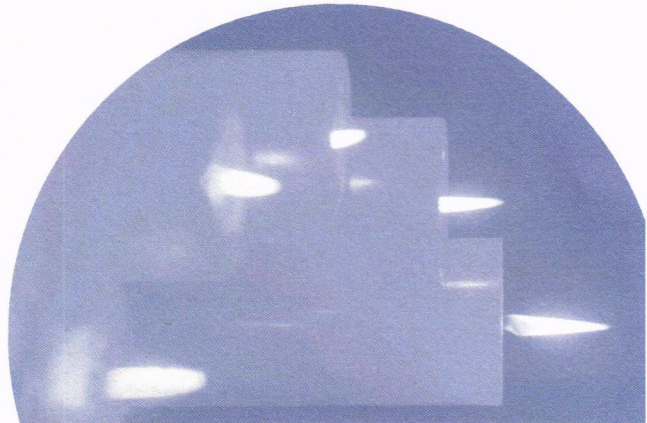
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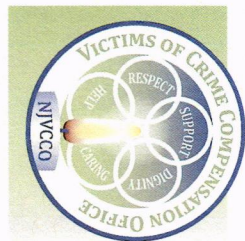
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our mission

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

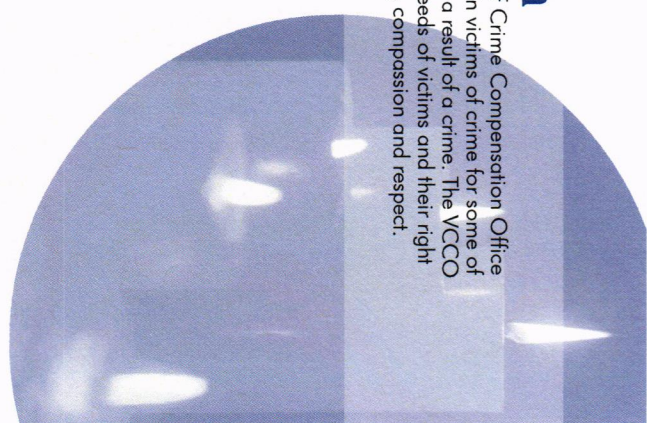
*Must be in structure during burglary.

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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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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 attendance
 - Loss of wages due to court
 - 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.

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

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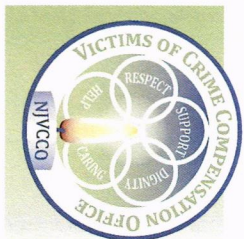


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La Oficina de Compensación para Víctimas del Crimen de Nueva Jersey (VCCO) reembolsa a ciertas víctimas del crimen por algunos de los gastos que incurrirán a causa de un crimen. La VCCO reconoce las necesidades especiales de las víctimas y el derecho que tienen de ser tratados 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
 - Allanamiento*
 - Ofensas de comportamiento escandaloso
 - Violencia Doméstica
 - 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

¿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
 - Pérdida de ingresos de dependientes o miembros de familia
 - Duelo, máximo dos semanas
 - Pérdida de ingresos por asistir al tribunal
 - Pérdida de apoyo económico de \$600 semanales, máximo 48 meses
 - Gastos de funeral hasta \$7,500
 - Honorarios de Abogados:
 - Honorarios de abogados de las víctimas 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 víctimas 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 víctimas del crimen?

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

¿Quién es elegible para solicitar?

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

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



Counseling Referral and Resource List

We strongly urge you to seek counseling, even if you feel okay right now. Counseling can help you deal with the emotions you may already be feeling, as well as with the possible long-term effects of having been sexually assaulted.

St. Francis Counseling Service
609-494-1554

The 24/7 confidential
sexual violence hotline
609-494-1090

STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

NJ 24-hr Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-601-7200

National Coalition Against Sexual Assault
609-631-4450
www.nccasa.org

Victims of Crime Compensation Office
(VCCO)
Toll free: 1-877-658-2221
973-648-2107
www.njvictims.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656 HOPE
www.rainn.org

National Sexual Violence Resource Center
1-800-FYI-CALL
www.nsvrc.org

DCP&P Child Abuse Hotline
1-877-652-2873

IMPORTANT OCEAN COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION

Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
119 Hooper Ave
Toms, River, NJ 08754
732-929-2027

Office of Victim Witness Advocacy
732-929-2195

Special Victims Unit
732-929-2027 ext. 3985

**Special Victim's Unit
Victim/Witness Advocate**
732-929-2027 ext. 3923

SART/FNE Coordinator
732-929-2027 ext. 7989

St. Francis Counseling Service
4700 Long Beach Blvd
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008
609-494-1554

**Ocean County Health Department
STD Clinic**
732-341-9700 ext. 7604

**Providence House
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence**
1-800-246-8910

**Ocean County Prosecutor
Bradley D. Billhimer**

Information for Victims of Sexual Assault



Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
119 Hooper Avenue
P.O. Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754
732-929-2027

**Office of Victim
Witness Advocacy**
732-929-2195
Fax: 732-288-7608

What Is Sexual Assault?

The term sexual assault encompasses a broad range of unwanted sexual activities, all of which are crimes that have a profound effect on victims. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of age, racial or cultural background, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. Likewise, perpetrators can be anyone: strangers, acquaintances, friends, family members, intimate partners and other people in positions of trust.

Sex offenders are motivated by the need to control, humiliate and harm their victims. They may use force, threat, coercion and manipulation. They may prey on persons who are not free to consent to sexual contact due to mental incapacity, disability, intoxication (voluntary and involuntary) or because the person is under age. Whatever the circumstances, no one asks or deserves to be sexually assaulted.

If You Are a Victim or Survivor

Understand that you are not to blame. No matter who you are, what you say or do, or where you go, you do not deserve to be sexually assaulted. You may feel shocked or angry that it could happen to you.

You may be anxious about your safety. You may feel guilt or shame, or you may fear that your family and friends will blame you for the assault.

Victims often suffer a variety of physical reactions, from changes in eating and sleeping patterns to nightmares and flashbacks. Sexual assault is a violation of a person's sense of safety and trust. Whatever your reactions or fears, it is important to understand that they are normal. It is also important to know that help is available, whether or not you decide to report the crime.

What to Expect If You Report

- Interview with law enforcement
- Law enforcement may attempt to interview suspect
- Suspect may/may not give a statement
- Law enforcement will continue to investigate

Case will be reviewed by an Assistant Prosecutor from the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

- If charges are authorized, the perpetrator may be arrested and lodged in county jail. The case will go through the criminal justice process in the Superior Court.
- If charges are not authorized, it does not mean the abuse did not occur. Charges may be declined due to the inability to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.
- If a decision regarding charges is delayed, our office may be waiting for lab results, witness statements or other reports. Once everything is received, the case will be reviewed by the Assistant Prosecutor.

Additional Protection Available

- If criminal charges are declined for prosecution, you may still have the ability to obtain a protective order under the "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" (SASPA). In order to obtain a SASPA order, you must contact the Ocean County Court Family Division at 732-929-2019
- If criminal charges are authorized, you may also have the right to obtain a Sex Offense Restraining Order (SORO) against the perpetrator. The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office will assist you in obtaining this order.



St. Francis Counseling Service

Services are available to all without regard to race, age, sex, disability, income or religious affiliation.

Information on client rights and advocacy at St. Francis Counseling Service is available upon request.

Other Programs at St. Francis Community Center

Adult Basic Skills

Human Concerns

Food Pantry

Auto Ownership

Successful Parenting

Anger Management

Violence Prevention

Children's Services

Senior Services

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St. Francis Counseling Service



St. Francis
Counseling Service
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Township, NJ
08008
(609) 494-1554
www.stfranciscenterlbi.org

Sexual Abuse and Assault Program

Our goal is to restore survivors of sexual abuse and assault to emotional health through education and treatment.

St. Francis Counseling Service is the designated provider in the county specializing in treatment of sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

Short-term therapy for sexual abuse and assault is available to all residents of Ocean County at 8 sites by our Master's level clinicians certified in EMDR and Sand Play therapies. Services are grant funded, therefore there is no cost to the client.

Community education programs on sexual violence and consent are available upon request.

Counseling

Affordable individual, family, couples and group therapy is available to all residents of southern Ocean County on a sliding-scale fee based on annual household income.

Trauma-informed therapists treat depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, relationship conflict and more.

The therapist is trained to help people make desired changes, including helping clients:

- Find new ways to look at problems
- Find new ways to behave
- Find new support systems
- Learn new information
- Find new sources of help

Call our 24-Hour Confidential Sexual Violence Hotline

609-494-1090

24-hour crisis intervention is available by phone or in person at St. Francis Counseling Service, any Ocean County Hospital, any Local Police Department or the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office.

Specially trained advocates will meet survivors of sexual abuse and assault and their families at these sites to provide support, crisis intervention, information and referrals to help deal with the aftermath of sexual assault.

Counseling Service Support Groups

- Parenting After
- Surviving to Thriving
- Journey Through Grief



Servicio de Consejería

de St. Francis

Los servicios están disponibles para todos sin distinción de raza, edad, sexo, discapacidad, ingresos o afiliación religiosa. La información sobre los derechos de los clientes y la defensa está disponible en el Servicio de Consejería de St. Francis.

Otros programas en el Centro Comunitario de St. Francis

- Habilidades básicas para adultos
- Preocupaciones Humanas
- Despensa de Alimentos
- Propiedad de Auto
- Crianza Exitosa
- Control de la Ira
- Prevención de la Violencia
- Servicios para niños
- Servicios para personas mayores

Este folleto fue soportado parcialmente con fondos de subvención por el estado de Nueva Jersey vía el programa de servicio de asalto sexual asignación estatal, administrado por el Departamento de Niños y Familias, División de Mujeres.

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Programa de Abuso y Agresión Sexual

Nuestro objetivo es restaurar a los sobrevivientes de abuso y agresión a la salud emocional a través de educación y tratamiento.

El servicio de consejería de St. Francis es el proveedor designado en el condado que se especializa en el tratamiento de agresiones sexuales y abuso sexual infantil.

El tratamiento a corto plazo para abuso y agresión sexual está disponible para todos los residentes del condado de Ocean en 8 ubicaciones por nuestros clínicos de nivel maestro certificados en EMDR y terapia de Sand Play. Los servicios son subvencionados, por lo tanto no hay costo para el cliente.

Programas de educación comunitaria sobre violencia sexual y consentimiento están disponibles a solicitud.

Consejería

La terapia individual, familiar, de pareja u grupal a precio asequible está disponible para todos los residentes del condado de Ocean austral con una tarifa variable según el ingreso anual del hogar.

Los Terapeutas informados sobre trauma tratan la depresión, la ansiedad, el dolor, el trauma, el conflicto de relación y más.

El Terapeuta está capacitado para ayudar a las personas a realizar los cambios deseados, incluido ayudar a los clientes a que:

- Encuentre nuevas formas de ver los problemas
- Encuentre nuevas formas de comportarse
- Encuentre nuevos sistemas de apoyo
- Aprenda nueva información
- Encuentre nuevas fuentes de ayuda

Llame a Nuestra Línea directa de Violencia Sexual Confidencial las 24 Horas

609-494-1090

Intervención de crisis las 24 horas está disponible por teléfono o en persona en el Servicio de Consejería de St. Francis, en cualquier hospital del condado de Ocean, en cualquier departamento de policía local o en la oficina del fiscal del condado de Ocean.

Defensores especialmente capacitados se reunirán con sobrevivientes de abuso y agresiones sexuales y sus familias en estos sitios para brindar apoyo, intervención y referencias para ayudar a lidiar con las consecuencias de una agresión sexual.

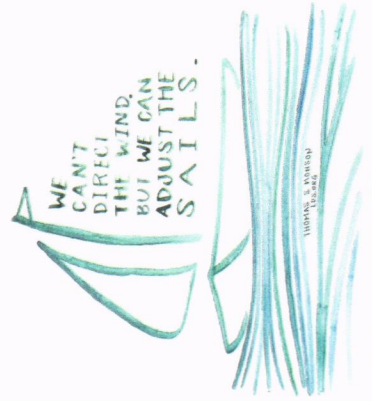
Grupos de Apoyo de Servicio de Consejería

- Crianza Después
- Sobrevivir a prosperar
- Viaje a través de La Pena



The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Victim Witness Advocacy Unit will provide but is not limited to:

- ◆ Information and assistance regarding the rights and entitlements of the New Jersey Crime Victims' Bill of Rights (N.J.S.A. 52:4B-36)
- ◆ Referrals to social service and mental health agencies
- ◆ Accompaniment to court hearings
- ◆ Assistance with VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) VINE is New Jersey's statewide crime victim assistance and notification system. The VINE service will provide custody status of the offender. VINE will notify you by phone when an offender is released or transferred.
- ◆ Information and assistance with applications to the VCCO (Victims of Crime Compensation Office). The VCCO assists innocent individuals whose lives have been tragically altered as a result of victimization from violent crimes by providing compensation for some expenses they suffer from the result of the crime.
- ◆ Assistance with cases involving Juvenile Offenders
- ◆ Assistance with registering with the New Jersey State Parole Board.
- ◆ A private, secure and comfortable waiting room in the Prosecutor's Office.



For Your Records:

Prosecutor File #: _____

Assistant Prosecutor assigned to case: _____

Detective assigned to case: _____

Victim Witness Advocate assigned to case: _____

VINE Pin #: _____

Victim Witness Portal Username: _____

Victim Witness Portal Password: _____

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119 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08753

Phone: 732-929-2195
Fax: 732-288-7608

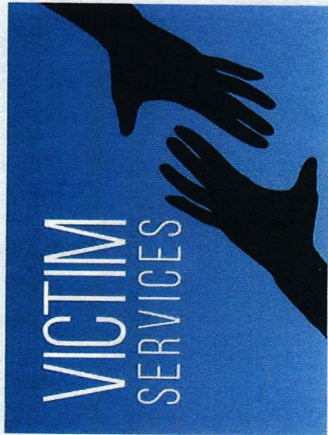
E-mail: oceanvw@co.ocean.nj.us

Ocean County Prosecutor's Office

Victim-Witness Unit

BRADLEY D. BILLHIMER
Ocean County Prosecutor





Our Mission

The Ocean County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy's mission is to ensure that victims of crime are treated with fairness, compassion and respect by the criminal justice system as mandated by Paragraph 22, Article 1 of the New Jersey Constitution.

The staff of the Victim Witness Office is dedicated to providing direct, personal service to the victims, witnesses and their families.

Victim Witness staff provides these services to assist in reducing inconvenience, trauma and frustration attached to the aftermath of a crime incident and the court process.

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights N.J.S.A. 52:4B-36 Crime victims are entitled to the following certain basic rights:

- ◆ To be treated with dignity and compassion by the criminal justice system.
- ◆ To be informed about the criminal justice process.
- ◆ To be free of intimidation.
- ◆ To have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized to the fullest extent possible.
- ◆ To medical assistance if, in the judgment of law enforcement agency, medical assistance appears necessary.
- ◆ To be notified if presence in court is not needed.
- ◆ To be informed about available remedies, financial assistance and social services.
- ◆ To be compensated for their loss 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.
- ◆ To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
- ◆ To submit a written statement about the impact of the crime to a representative of the county prosecutor's office which shall be considered prior to the prosecutor's final decision concerning whether formal criminal charges will be filed.
- ◆ To make, prior to sentencing, an in-person statement directly to the sentencing court concerning the impact of the crime.

Victim Resources

**NJ State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy
Division of Criminal Justice**
PO Box 085
Trenton, NJ 08625-0085
1-609-896-8855

Victims of Crime Compensation Office
1-877-658-2221

V.I.N.E. (Victim Information & Notification Everyday)
1-877-846-3465

NJ State Parole Board Victim Services
1-609-292-4582

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Victim Notification Program**
Office of Investigations
500 12th St. SW, MS 5101, Room 6219
Washington, DC 20536-5101
1-866-872-4973

National Organization For Victims of Crime (NOVA)
1-800-879-6682 (1-800-TRY-NOVA)

New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women
1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road
Trenton, NJ 08690
1-609-584-8107

Providence House
Hotline 1-800-246-8910
Office 1-732-350-2120

St. Francis Counseling Services
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008
1-609-494-1554

United Way of Ocean County of Ocean
1-732-240-3118

