

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CRIME VICTIM
COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

If you are the victim of a violent crime, the State of Wisconsin will pay out of pocket expenses that are not paid or payable by a private or group insurance plan, public funds or any other source, including the offender.

Compensation can be paid for:

- Medical, hospital, surgical, pharmacy bills and mental health counseling
- Lost wages
- Loss of support to a dependent of a crime victim who has been killed.

In order to be eligible:

- the crime must have been reported to a law enforcement agency within five days of the crime.
- the victim's conduct must not have caused or contributed to the crime that led to the injury or death.
- the victim must cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigations and prosecution of the crime.

**THE CRIME VICTIMS PROGRAM
STAFF WILL:**

- Explain the court process to you.
- Provide you with information about the status of the case.
- Notify you when you must testify.
- When available, provide transportation to testify in federal court.
- Assist you in completing victim impact statements prior to sentencing.
- Provide you with information about State Crime Victim Compensation and help you submit a claim.
- Assist in property return from law enforcement agencies once the property is not needed as evidence.
- Make referrals to community agencies.

For more information contact:

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Building Partnerships
Within the Community

MEMONIEE CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES:

Being a victim of crime or witness to a crime can be a traumatic experience. Assistance for crime victims is crucial. Menominee Tribal Police Department Crime Victims Program provides an array of services intended to help victims through this most difficult time.

Cooperation with Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice system not only makes our Reservation a safer place for everyone but can hold criminals responsible and help to empower the victim within the justice process.

We realize that this process may be confusing as well as fearful to some individuals unfamiliar with this process. The Menominee Crime Victims Staff are here to help you through this difficult time by:

- 1.) Assistance with information on the Court process in your case.
- 2.) Information on all your rights as a victim.
- 3.) Transportation to and from Court.
- 4.) Assistance with Victims Compensation Forms.
- 5.) Assistance with Victims Impact Statements for Sentencing.
- 6.) Crisis Response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 7.) Accompaniment to medical exams, interviews, Court etc. (per case needs)
- 8.) Crisis Counseling
- 9.) Group sessions as needed
- 10.) Information Referral

This brochure has been designed to help inform you of your rights as a victim of crime and to help inform you of the services available to you through:

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CRIME VICTIMS HAVE RIGHTS:

- 1) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect.
- 2) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- 3) The right to be notified of court proceedings.
- 4) The right to be present at public court proceedings, unless the court determines that testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other witness testimony at trial.
- 5) The right to confer with the prosecutor in the case.
- 6) The right to restitution.
- 7) The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, and release of the offender.
- 8) The right to present information to the court about the impact of the crime on your life. If you are the victim of a violent crime, you have the right to speak in person to the court at the time of sentencing.*
- 9) If you are the victim of a sexual assault, you have the right to have two confidential tests for sexually transmitted diseases, free of charge. You may also request a court order for the defendant to be HIV tested.*

* These rights apply to victims of federal crimes when these cases are prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

COPING WITH TRAUMATIC EVENTS

For some people, being the victim of a crime can result in unusually strong emotions. While some people report almost no reaction, others report a variety of physical, emotional and behavioral responses.

Responses may occur a few hours or a few days after the incident and in some cases, weeks or months later. You may have feelings unlike those you have previously experienced. These feelings may come and go in intensity. Their duration will depend largely on the severity of the incident and it's significance to you. It is important to remember that these are normal reactions to an abnormal event.

Physical symptoms that you may experience include:

- Changes in appetite
- Nightmares/flashbacks
- Sleep disturbances

Emotional reactions may include:

- Fear/anxiety
- Depression/grief
- Easily startled
- Anger
- Inability to concentrate
- Avoidance of situations that are reminders of the incident