

## Helping Victims Recover

*Dear Fellow Delawarean,*

*The Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) serves as an important resource for victims on their road to recovery. Part of the Delaware Department of Justice, VCAP helps alleviate the financial burden and distress that crime leaves behind by awarding financial compensation for losses that victims sustain as a result of crime.*

*The intense and unexpected nature of crime shakes victims physically and emotionally. Financial awards provided by VCAP help recover lost income and pay for medical expenses, counseling services, temporary housing, and other costs that victims bear as they move on with their lives. Inside this brochure, you'll learn how to apply for compensation and where to contact VCAP staff for assistance through office locations statewide.*

*If you or a loved one has been harmed by a crime in Delaware, please contact VCAP today*



*Kathleen Jennings  
Attorney General*

**Delaware Victims'  
Compensation  
Assistance Program**  
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Wilmington, DE 19801

### Statewide

Phone: (302) 255-1770

Para asistencia en Espanol: (877)  
851-0482

Fax: (302) 577-1326

[www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/VCAP](http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/VCAP)

**For additional victim assistance,  
please contact:**

**Delaware Victim Center**  
1-800-VICTIM-1 (In-State Only)

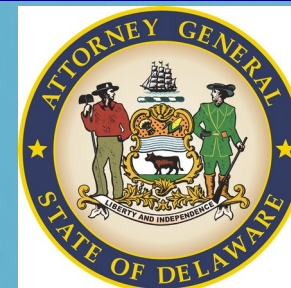
**Delaware Department of Justice,  
Victim/Witness Services**  
(302) 577-8500 (New Castle County)  
(302) 739-4211 (Kent County)  
(302) 856-5353 (Sussex County)

## Delaware Victims' Compensation Assistance Program

*Helping Victims Recover Losses*



**Delaware Department of Justice**



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## You may be eligible for compensation if:

- You are the victim of a *violent* crime.
- The crime occurred in Delaware
- The crime was reported to the proper authorities within 3 days OR you have a Protection From Abuse Final Order
- You reasonably cooperated with law enforcement authorities
- Your claim application is filed within 1 year of the date of the crime

## Examples of Violent Crimes

- Homicide/Murder
- Assault
- Kidnapping
- Arson
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Sexual Assault/Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Vehicular Assault
- Driving Under the Influence

Please note: Property crimes are

## What can I receive compensation for?

- Medical expenses
- Dental expenses
- Mental health counseling expenses
- Lost wages
- Loss of support
- Relocation expenses
- Funeral/Burial expenses
- Crime-scene cleanup
- Personal safety expenses

The compensation maximum is \$25,000; however, certain benefits have lower monetary caps.

VCAP is the payor of last resort. This means it will not cover financial losses that are covered by other sources, such as insurance.


## What expenses are not eligible for compensation?

- Lost, damaged, or stolen property
- Attorneys fees
- Pain and suffering

## How do I file a claim?

You must submit a claim form to get the process started. Your claim can be submitted in the following ways:

 Mail: 10 N. King Street, 4th Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19801

 E-Mail: [VCAP@delaware.gov](mailto:VCAP@delaware.gov)

 Fax: (302) 577-1326

*If you would prefer to apply online, please visit: <https://ccvcde.org>*

## What can I expect next?

- After your claim is received, it will be assigned a claim number and a victim service specialist.
- It can take up to 60 days to make a decision on your claim. In rare cases, it can take longer.
- If there is any other information that you think would be helpful in deciding your claim, please share it with your victim service specialist as soon as possible.
- You will receive a written decision regarding the outcome of your application.