

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS I CAN BE REPAID FOR MY LOSSES?

- If you were the victim of a violent crime, you may qualify for reimbursement from the **Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Fund**. The State of Missouri has a fund to reimburse residents who have suffered injuries due to certain crimes of violence. Approved claims can provide compensation for medical, drug, and counseling expenses; funeral expenses and loss of earnings or support. This fund will **NOT** pay for damaged or stolen property or pain and suffering.
- If the crime occurred during the course of employment, you may be eligible for workers' compensation benefits including medical care and lost wages.
- If the crime is related to a vehicle, you may qualify for benefits under an automotive insurance policy.
- You can also file a civil lawsuit against your offender for recovery of your losses. If you decide to do this, you should see an attorney who will explain your options and advise you.

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CRIME VICTIMS' GUIDE TO RESTITUTION

The Victim Response Team provides emotional support, legal and judicial explanation, and referral to the proper local agencies for crime victims and their families.



WHAT IS RESTITUTION?

Restitution is compensation paid to a victim by the offender for financial losses the victim suffered as a result of the crime. As the victim of a crime, you have the right to request reimbursement for expenses be included as part of the defendant's sentencing. Restitution must be ordered by the Court and is considered part of the sentence. However, an order does not guarantee restitution, and it is not always possible to collect this money. To make a restitution claim, please contact the Victim Response Team.

HOW DO I REQUEST RESTITUTION?

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

to provide the Prosecuting Attorney's Office with documentation of the financial losses or expenses incurred from the crime. In order to collect restitution, it will be necessary for you to notify the Prosecuting Attorney's Office of any change of address during the criminal process.

Documentation that may be needed includes medical/dental bills, medication receipts, receipts for repair of damaged items, estimates for stolen or damaged property, receipts of insurance payments, or any other information to substantiate your claim.

WHAT CAN I REQUEST AS RESTITUTION?

- Medical expenses (doctors, physical therapy, ambulance, etc.)
- Property expenses (replace and/or repair damaged or stolen property)
- Funeral expenses
- Insurance deductible or co-pays

WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO SEE MY RESTITUTION PAYMENTS?

If the offender is sentenced to probation and ordered to pay restitution, failure to pay is a violation of the conditions of probation. Restitution payments are made to the clerk of the court, who then mails the payments directly to the victim. The probationer's payment schedule is calculated from the amount of restitution to be paid, the offender's ability to pay, and the amount of time the offender is expected to be under supervision. The offenders' initial payments will go toward court costs and the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Always notify the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Circuit Clerk's Office of your change of address.