



Hawaii

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the Commission) was created in 1967 by the Hawaii Legislature to alleviate the physical, mental and financial hardships suffered by victims of violent crime. The Commission is comprised of three Commissioners (appointed by the Governor), an executive director, investigators and support staff. The Commission is governed by Chapter 351, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Sec. 23-605 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

WHO CAN GET HELP?

According to the Hawaii Department of Public Safety, the Commission provides compensation to victims of violent crimes for their crime-related injuries and losses, and to "Good Samaritans" for injuries or property damage suffered in the prevention of a crime or apprehension of a criminal. You may be eligible for compensation as a victim of Sexual Assault I, II, III, or IV in Hawaii, or as a surviving family member of a victim who experienced these crimes in Hawaii. (The other crimes for which a victim or surviving family member can seek compensation include: murder I or II, manslaughter, negligent homicide I or II, negligent injury I or II, assault I, II, or III, kidnapping, abuse of a family or household member. A Hawaii resident who is a victim of international terrorism also can apply for compensation.)

Those who are eligible include:

- A victim who was injured as a result of the crime
- A person responsible for the maintenance of the victim who has suffered monetary loss because of the victim's death or injury.
- A person engaged in business or educational activity at the scene of a mass casualty (mental health counseling expenses only).
- A relative of a deceased victim who has incurred medical or funeral expenses as the result of the victim's death or injury.
- A dependent of a deceased victim.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO GET HELP?

Report the crime to law enforcement officials (police, naval investigative service, military police or Federal Bureau of Investigation) without undue delay. Then get an application by contacting the Commission office at 587-1143 or by going to this link: http://hawaii.gov/cvcc/app_main

Submit the following to the Commission:

- The original signed Application Form (within 18 months of the crime date). Applications will only be accepted after 18 months if there is a good cause letter from a physician or therapist.
- The original signed Authorization to Release Medical/mental Health Treatment Information Form for each treatment provider.
- Proof to substantiate your claim (bills, receipts, insurance statements, and medical records).

If you are making a claim for lost wages:

- Completely fill out and sign the Authorization to Release Employment Information Form and submit it to your employer.
- Submit proof to substantiate your claim for lost wages (pay stubs, Income Tax returns, if self-employed, and a medical disability certificate) to the Commission.

WHAT COSTS MAY BE PAID?

The Commission is a payor of last resort (i.e., the Commission will pay only after all other sources of compensation have been exhausted). You must file timely claims with workers' compensation, motor vehicle insurance, temporary disability insurance, and your medical insurance carrier. Your award will be reduced by the amounts you receive from worker's compensation, insurance, civil suits, or

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restitution from the offender. (You must reimburse the Commission if you receive money from these sources.)

Compensation is available for the following unreimbursed expenses: medical and mental health counseling expenses, lost earnings or support, funeral and burial expenses, pecuniary loss directly resulting from the victim's death or injury, and property damages (in the case of "Good Samaritans" only).

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