

YOUR RIGHTS DURING PROSECUTION

Under the Crime Victim Right Act of 1985, you have the right to:

- Be present during the entire trial unless you are to be called as a witness.
- Be free from threats or acts of discharge from your employer because you are subpoenaed or requested by the court to testify in court.
- Be provided with a waiting area separate from the defendant.
- Consult with the Prosecuting Attorney to give your views about the disposition of this crime.
- Receive the name of a person to contact regarding information about your case.

VICTIM COMPENSATION ACT

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The Michigan Crime Victims Compensation Act was enacted for the purpose of giving financial assistance to crime victims who are injured or lose income because of a crime. The Crime Victims Rights Unit will be able to answer any questions that victims may have regarding this compensation. Applications are available at our office.

To Receive compensation

- The crime must have occurred in the State of Michigan.
- A police report must be made within 48 hours of the crime, except for good cause and the victim must cooperate with the investigation.
- The victim must have suffered actual bodily harm.
- The victim cannot have contributed to the infliction of the injury nor have been responsible for, or an accomplice to the crime.
- The victim must have at least \$200 out of pocket medical or rehabilitative expenses and/or a loss of two continuous weeks of earnings or support.

Additional information

- In the case of death, a claim may be filed by a family member. This may include funeral expenses.
- Expenses or losses covered by personal insurance or that can be paid by another source will not be covered.
- Incomplete applications can result in long delays in claim determination.
- Most claims will be processed within 4 to 6 months.
- Minimum loss requirements may be waived for victims retired by reason of age or disability and for victims of criminal sexual conduct.
- Property loss is NOT covered.