

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND THEIR LOVED ONES**

**State of Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board**

**6776 Reisterstown Road, Suite. 206**

**Baltimore, MD 21215**

**410-585-3010 toll free 1-888-679-9347**

**Who May File a Claim?**

- A person who suffers physical injury as a result of any crime;
- A person who suffered psychological or emotional injury as the result of a crime;
- A surviving spouse or child of a homicide victim;
- Any other person dependent for principal support on a homicide victim;
- Any person who assumed responsibility for funeral expenses of a homicide victim.

**How Much May the Board Award?**

- Medical expenses up to \$45,000
- Disability up to \$25,000
- Psychological Services up to \$5,000
- Funeral expenses up to \$5,000
- Total dependency up to \$25,000
- Partial dependency up to \$17,000

The maximum allowable award in any claim may not be more than **\$45,000**.

**How May I File a Claim?**

1. Call **410-585-3010** to seek information and to make an appointment to visit the office and sit down with a Compensation Board team member who will help you fill out the application.
2. **Download applications at:**  
<http://www.dpsecs.state.md.us/victimservs/FAQcicb.shtml>
3. Then, sign and FAX the completed application to 410-764-3015 **Or**
4. Sign and MAIL the completed application to Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, 6776 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215 **Or**
5. Complete and submit the application online, follow the directions on the website.

**If I am a victim of crime who is included in the information above, do I have to do anything else to qualify?**

The Compensation Board legislation requires that you reported the crime to some appropriate authority within 72 hours after the crime occurred. And that you incurred at least \$100 in out-of-pocket expenses or two continuous weeks of earnings or support.

Appropriate authorities may include:

- Police department in your local jurisdiction
- District Court Commissioner's Office
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Unit in your jurisdiction
- Educational disciplinary authority
- An application for a peace or protective order in any state

The requirements may be waived for good cause.

### **How Soon Must a Claim be filed?**

A claim should be filed within three years from the date of the crime or the death of the victim. In cases of child abuse, the claim must be filed within three years after the crime was discovered or the child turns 18. These requirements can be waived for good cause.

### **I think I qualify but I'm not sure and I think I need help with my application. What do I do?**

Call the Compensation Board and ask to speak to a victim services coordinator. The Compensation Board is here to help you get the financial assistance that you need. If we can't help you with financial assistance, we will do what we can to get you the help you need from other sources. Our victim services personnel are here to help.

**For more information contact the  
Criminal Injuries Compensation Board at  
410-585-3010 or toll free 1- 888-679-9347.**

**Courtesy of Mary Pat Clarke**