

# PASSPORT TO SAFER TRAVEL



## A Guide to Americans Traveling Abroad

Safety Tips & Helpful Contacts for  
Victims of Crimes in Foreign Countries

*When you travel for business, pleasure or study, one way to ensure a safer experience is to have relevant information before you go. This pamphlet has been prepared to assist Americans traveling abroad, including those in need of help after a crime has been committed. Inside is practical advice to help travelers plan a safe trip, and in the event of an unexpected incident, a list of useful contacts.*

*Travel is meant to be an enriching, enjoyable experience. Bon voyage!*

## Before You Go

Take an active role and become familiar about:

- Passports
- Visas
- Customs
- Immunizations, and other requirements relevant to the country you plan to visit

## Health Insurance

Make sure you have adequate health insurance coverage while abroad and your coverage includes medical evacuations. If it does not, consider additional insurance before you travel to cover the high cost of transportation back to the U.S. in the event of a medical emergency.

## Travel Insurance

If you are traveling with valuables, determine if your insurance will cover items stolen or lost in foreign countries. It is advisable to leave valuables, extra credit cards and jewelry - even fake jewelry - at home. Consider purchasing luggage insurance, as well.

## Passport, Visas & Immunizations

Make sure your passport is valid and you have the appropriate travel documents and visas for your destinations. For information about entry and exit requirements for particular countries, refer to the State Department's publication, Foreign Entry Requirements. This is available online at [www.travel.state.gov/foreignentryreqs.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/foreignentryreqs.html). Always take extra copies of important travel documents and keep them in a safe place, separate from the originals, when you travel.



## Travelers Checks/ATM's/Cash/ Credit Card

Consider using a variety of means for carrying funds; small amounts are always best.

## Embassies and Consulates

Keep a record of the telephone number and address of the U.S. embassy or consulate in the country you plan to visit. If you plan to stay longer than one month, register with the nearest embassy or consulate. If a country has neither, register at one in an adjacent country. This makes it easier to reach you in case of an emergency or to replace a lost passport. For information on the Internet, go to [www.usembassy.state.gov/](http://www.usembassy.state.gov/).

If you are traveling with an escorted tour to a country experiencing political uncertainty or other unrest, determine if your tour operator has registered your trip through the State Department's travel registration website ([www.usembassy.state.gov/ibrs](http://www.usembassy.state.gov/ibrs)). If it has not, or in the event you are traveling on your own, you can still register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through this website.

## Itinerary

Provide family and/or friends with a detailed itinerary and the number, or a copy, of your passport or other citizenship documents. Include names, addresses and telephone numbers where you will be staying. Leave a copy of your flight and ticket information, as well.

*In accordance with the Privacy Act, information on your welfare or whereabouts cannot be released to inquirers without your expressed written authorization, so consider signing a notarized release before you travel.*

## Prescription Drugs

If you take prescription medication, make sure you have an adequate supply for the duration of the trip, including extra doses in case of travel delays. Always carry your prescriptions in their labeled containers as many countries have strict trafficking laws, and unlabeled bottles can raise a red flag. Always take a copy of your medical prescription(s) with you. You must be able to document any medication.

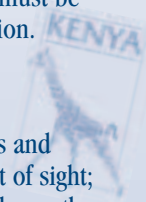
## Travel Tips

### The Basics

- Always keep your documents and money in a secure place, out of sight; keep your money pouch underneath your clothing or in inside pockets; the Lonely Planet recommends using pouches that can be strapped to the back of your leg or above the elbow.
- Fanny packs and back packs are vulnerable and are not appropriate for important documents or money.
- Keep your money separated, so it is not all in one place.
- Remember, daytime is not necessarily safer than nighttime.
- Be wary of those posing as plain clothed police officers.
- Make sure taxis have door handles that work from the inside of the cab.

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- Stay awake and alert when using public transportation.
- Avoid night buses.
- Never accept food, drink or cigarettes from a stranger.
- Never offer a bribe.
- At airports, proceed through security checks and go directly to the boarding area, usually the most secure location.
- In any crowded situation, be aware of jostling, even if it appears innocent. This is often a ploy to distract you.
- Be discreet when using a telephone calling card.
- Consider renting an international mobile phone to use in a case of emergency.
- Although most locals are as interested in your visit as you are in learning about their culture, remain cautious around new acquaintances.

### **Hotel/Accommodations**

- Always inquire about hotel security.
- When inside your room, check windows and doors for security locks and bars.
- Check fire exits for security.
- Use the door chain and/or bolt lock whenever you are in your room.
- When traveling alone, consider staying in a room above the ground floor.
- Avoid hotel rooms at the end of a hall.
- Use the door viewer (peephole) before admitting anyone, even if you are expecting a friend. Never open your hotel door for any reason. If a staff member knocks unexpectedly, call the main desk immediately.
- Consider meeting new friends in the

- lobby or in public places with other people, not in your room.
- If available, leave valuables in hotel or room safes. Otherwise, lock valuables in your suitcase and secure it with a safety lock to something permanent in the room.
- Keep your room number private, as you would your address when at home.
- If the management of a hotel insists you leave your room key at the front desk, consider changing hotels.
- Keeping your room neat will help you notice disturbed or missing items quickly.

### **Social Situations**

- Whenever possible, stay with your travel companions and friends, especially when drinking at a bar or party.
- Alcohol impairs judgment. Many assaults on foreigners involve alcohol consumption.
- Never leave your drink unattended. Someone could add a drug. If someone offers to buy you a drink, be sure you watch it mixed or poured.
- Never put an inebriated friend in a cab alone. Always ride in legitimate taxis.
- Thoroughly research tour companies, particularly if you plan to travel to remote areas alone.
- If you are traveling with a companion, always keep them informed about your activities.
- Communicate your limits firmly and directly. If you say no, be convincing - loud, clear, and firm - in body

language, as well as in words.

- Trust your instincts. Do not feel obligated to do anything against your will. "I don't want to" is always a good enough reason.

### **Women Traveling Alone**

There is an abundance of literature available on the Internet and in books and journals for solo women travelers. Take the time to search the web, your local library and/or bookstore for helpful advice.

- Be aware and respectful of local customs. Many destinations request a visitor to respect local dress, particularly women's apparel, so dress appropriately.
- Stay on the beaten track.
- Take along a "wedding" ring for extra precaution, whether or not you are married.
- If accepting a social engagement make sure someone you trust knows the address, as well as your time of departure and estimated time of return.
- Keep the address of where you are staying private.
- Jewelry, whether real or costume, can attract unwanted attention.
- Ask for directions before you set out. No matter how modest your lodgings, your hotel concierge or hostel staff should be able to help. If lost, ask for directions, preferably from families or women with children. Correct information can save you from ending up in a potentially unsafe circumstance.

### **After a Crime Occurs**

#### *Reactions to Crime*

Everyone reacts differently to crime. Factors that influence reactions vary from person to person. How a person handles stress, the nature and duration of the crime, and the support network in a person's life are important factors.

Some of the most common reactions to crime include physical, emotional and cognitive issues. After a crime, you might experience nausea, headaches, fatigue, hyperventilation, and trouble falling asleep or oversleeping. Emotional reactions often include anger, fear, guilt, repeated memories of the event, memory problems, restlessness and feelings of isolation. These reactions are normal when you experience an extraordinary event.

If the event happens when you are traveling, this can exacerbate your sense of insecurity. Language, customs and cultural differences can be barriers, contact someone you trust who can help you make important decisions.

#### *Victims of Assault*

If you are assaulted, contact the U.S. embassy or consulate immediately. Personnel will help you obtain police reports and proper documentation. They can also help with emergency counseling and other important contacts. If you decide to report the incident, do not bathe, brush your teeth or get rid of any clothing you wore. Write down as many details as you can recall.

- *If you plan to seek financial compensation on return to the U.S., you will need a copy of the police report.*
- U.S. embassy staff can advise where to seek medical attention, testing and preventative treatment. If you have been sexually assaulted, it is important to test for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and pregnancy, as well as receive HIV counseling. For drugs to be effective, many must be taken within 48-hours of exposure.
- If you think you might have been drugged, collect a urine sample for analysis by a laboratory within 48 hours after the assault.
- When you arrive in the U.S., the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) is available 24 hours a day. This hotline, operated by RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network) provides free, confidential counseling. RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization.

## Emergency Contacts in Foreign Countries

### Consular Assistance to American Crime Victims

The United States Department of State maintains embassies and consulates in nearly 250 cities throughout the world. Consuls are responsible for assisting U.S. citizens who are traveling, working or residing abroad. Consular personnel

are familiar with local government agencies and resources and can provide valuable assistance to crime victims.

They can help American crime victims

- Replace a stolen passport
- Contact family, friends or employers; if family members need to reach you due to an emergency, they can call the State Department's Overseas Citizens Services at (202) 647-5225
- Address emergency needs that arise as a result of the crime, such as medical care or evacuation
- Provide general information about the local criminal justice process and information about your case
- Obtain emergency funds
- Offer information about local resources to assist victims, including foreign crime victim compensation programs if available
- Provide information about crime victim assistance and compensation programs in the U.S.
- Furnish a list of local attorneys who speak English
- Make transportation arrangements in the event of a death of an American
- Visit you in jail; consuls cannot get you out of jail (when you are in a foreign country you are subject to its laws). However, they can help protect your legitimate interests and ensure you are not subject to discrimination.

Consular officials cannot investigate crimes, provide legal advice, represent you in court, serve as official interpreters or translators, or pay legal, medical or other fees. Consular officers

cannot act as travel agents, employment brokers, bankers, lawyers, investigators or law enforcement officers.

### How to Contact Embassies, Consulates and Consular Agencies

The Overseas Citizens Services (OCS) in the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs is responsible for the welfare and whereabouts of U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad.

Consular duty personnel are available for emergency assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To contact the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the U.S., call 1-888-407-4747 (during business hours) or 202-647-5225 (after hours). Contact information for U.S. embassies, consulates and consular agencies overseas is on the Internet at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies\\_1748.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1748.html)

### State Department Website

It is a good idea to research the country you intend to travel before setting sail. [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) provides a wide range of essential information for international travelers, from consular travel advisories to safety tips. For example, women should be aware that the Bahamas, northern Honduras and Costa Rica have high rates of sexual assault.

## Assistance for Crime Victims

### Victim Assistance Overseas

If you are the victim of a crime while overseas, you can benefit from crime victim assistance programs in some

countries. For further information, please visit the Directory of International Crime Victim Compensation Programs on the Internet at

<http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/intdir2005/welcome.html>

or by calling **1-800-627-6872**. A list of countries offering Victim Compensation Programs is at the end of this pamphlet.

### Victim Compensation in the United States

All states operate crime victim compensation programs and many offer benefits to their residents who are victims of violent crime overseas. State compensation programs provide financial assistance to eligible victims for reimbursement of expenses such as medical treatment, counseling, funeral costs, lost income or loss of support, and other issues.

*Often victim compensation programs require the victim to report the crime to local law enforcement in the country where the crime was perpetrated and obtain a copy of the police report.*

The U.S. Department of Justice's **Office of Victims of Crime** can offer assistance once you return to the U.S. It has advocates available to facilitate victim compensation applications and the criminal justice process. Contact information: [www.ojp.usdo.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdo.gov/ovc) and click on "Help for Crime Victims" or **1-800-851-3420** or **(TTY) 1-877-712-9279**.

### *It Happened to Alexa*

This program can help rape victims in the U.S. who are about to testify in a criminal trial with financial assistance to cover the expenses of a support person or persons to accompany them to court. Contact information: [www.ithappenedtoalexa.org](http://www.ithappenedtoalexa.org) or 1-716-754-4676.

### **U.S. Based Organizations to Assist Victims of Crime**

#### *Crime Victim Websites*

Information about each state's crime victim compensation program, and how to apply for financial compensation for losses incurred from the crime, is available at the website of the *National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards*, [www.nacvcb.org](http://www.nacvcb.org).

#### *RAINN*

The toll-free, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week hotline for sexual assault crisis counseling and referrals in the United States is **1-800-656-HOPE**. It is operated by the non-profit organization, RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network), which also provides information on the Internet at [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org).

#### *National Center for Victims of Crime*

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims. It works with victims of crime to obtain resources, information and assistance

after a crime occurs. Contact information: [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org) or **1-800-FYI-CALL (394-2255)** or (TTY) **1-800-211-7996**; Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST.

#### *U.S. Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office*

Information about local sexual assault victim assistance programs in the U.S. is available from each state's sexual assault coalition. Contact information for these state coalitions is on the website of the U.S. Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/help.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/help.htm).

#### *National Domestic Violence Hotline*

The toll-free number, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, which provides crisis counseling and referrals in the U.S., is **1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**.

#### *The National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children*

The toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7-days a week crisis counseling and referral line for families and friends of those who have died by violence is **1-888-818-POMC (7662)**. It is operated by the non-profit organization, POMC, Inc., (The National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children), which also has information on the Internet at [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org).

#### *Victim Assistance Services*

Contact information for non-emergency victim assistance services in communities throughout the U.S. is available at the web site of the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, [www.ovc.ncjrs.org/findvictimservices/](http://www.ovc.ncjrs.org/findvictimservices/).

#### *National Crime Victim Center*

Information for crime victims on the impact of crime, safety planning, legal rights and civil legal remedies, as well as options for assistance and referrals to local programs is available from the National Crime Victim Center. The toll free number is **1-800-FYI-CALL (394-2255)**; 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST. The TTY number for hearing impaired is **1-800-211-7996**; 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. EST. Information is also available on the Internet at: [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org).

#### *National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)*

Information and referral to victim assistance programs is available from the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Call toll-free, 24/7, **1-800-TRY-NOVA (879-6682)**. Information is also available on the Internet at [www.try-nova.org](http://www.try-nova.org).

#### *Victim Assistance Programs*

Information about victim assistance programs in approximately 20 countries is available at the web site of Victim Assistance On-line, [www.vaonline.org](http://www.vaonline.org).

### **Travel Warnings, Consular Information Sheets & Public Announcements**

([www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov))

### **Travel Warnings**

The State Department issues Travel Warnings, based on relevant information, to recommend Americans avoid travel to certain countries. Travel Warnings also provide Consular Information Sheets. You may also want to review specific country background notes.

### **Public Announcements**

Public Announcements (PAs) are a means to disseminate information about terrorist threats and other relatively short-term and/or trans-national conditions posing significant risks to the security of American travelers. PAs are issued when there is a specific threat that cannot be countered. In the past, PAs have dealt with short-term coups, violence by terrorists and anniversary dates of specific terrorist events.

### **Consular Information Sheets**

Consular Information Sheets are available for every country of the world. They include information such as location of the U.S. embassy or consulate in the subject country, unusual immigration practices, health conditions, minor political disturbances, unusual currency and entry regulations, crime and security information, and drug penalties. If an unstable condition exists in a country that is not severe enough to warrant a Travel Warning, a description of the condition(s) may be included under an optional section entitled Safety/Security.



**State Victim Assistance and Compensation  
Contact Numbers for Victims of Crime**

**Alabama**

*Victim Compensation*

**334-242-4007**  
Fax: 334-353-1401  
Web site: [www.acvcc.state.al.us/](http://www.acvcc.state.al.us/)

*Victim Assistance*

**334-242-5811**  
Fax: 334-242-0712  
Web site: [www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm](http://www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm)

**Alaska**

*Victim Compensation*

**907-465-5525**  
Fax: 907-465-2379  
Web site: [www.state.ak.us/admin/vccb/](http://www.state.ak.us/admin/vccb/)

*Victim Assistance*

**907-465-4356**  
Fax: 907-465-3627  
Web site: [www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvsa/index.htm](http://www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvsa/index.htm)

**American Samoa**

*Victim Assistance*

**011-684-633-5221**  
Fax: 011-684-633-2269  
E-mail: Leleaga L. at [ascjpa@samoatelco.com](mailto:ascjpa@samoatelco.com)

**Arizona**

*Victim Compensation*

**602-364-1146**  
Fax: 602-364-1175  
Web Site: [www.azcjc.gov](http://www.azcjc.gov)

*Victim Assistance*

**602-223-2446**  
Fax: 602-223-2943  
Web site: [www.azvictims.org](http://www.azvictims.org)

**Arkansas**

*Victim Compensation*

**501-682-1323**  
Fax: 501-682-5313  
Web site: [www.ag.state.ar.us](http://www.ag.state.ar.us)

*Victim Assistance*

**501-682-1074**  
Fax: 501-682-5206  
Web site: [www.arkansas.gov/dfa/igs/igs\\_voca.html](http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/igs/igs_voca.html)

**California**

*Victim Compensation*

**916-323-3432**  
Fax: 916-322-1487  
Web site: [www.boc.ca.gov](http://www.boc.ca.gov)

*Victim Assistance*

**800-842-8467**  
Web site: [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)

**Colorado**

*Victim Compensation*

**303-239-4442**  
Fax: 303-239-4411  
Web site: [dcj.state.co.us/ovp/](http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/)

*Victim Assistance*

**303-239-4429**  
Fax: 303-239-4411  
Web site: [dcj.state.co.us/ovp/voca.htm](http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/voca.htm)

**Connecticut**

*Victim Compensation*

**860-747-6070**  
Fax: 860-747-6428  
Web site: [www.jud.state.ct.us](http://www.jud.state.ct.us)

*Victim Assistance*

**860-747-6070**  
Fax: 860-747-6428  
Web site: [www.jud.state.ct.us](http://www.jud.state.ct.us)

**Delaware**

*Victim Compensation*

**302-995-8383**  
Fax: 302-995-8387  
Web site: [courts.state.de.us/vccb](http://courts.state.de.us/vccb)

*Victim Assistance*

**302-577-8693**  
Fax: 302-577-3440  
Web site: [www.state.de.us/cjc/victim.htm](http://www.state.de.us/cjc/victim.htm)

**District of Columbia**

*Victim Compensation*

**202-879-4216**  
Fax: 202-879-4230  
Web site: [www.mpdcc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539157,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,l.asp](http://www.mpdcc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539157,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,l.asp)

*Victim Assistance*

**202-727-4036**  
Fax: 202-727-1617  
Web Site: [www.mpdcc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539164.asp](http://www.mpdcc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539164.asp)

**Florida**

*Victim Compensation*

**850-414-3300**  
Fax: 850-487-1595  
Web site: [myfloridalegal.com/victims](http://myfloridalegal.com/victims)

*Victim Assistance*

**850-414-3300**  
Fax: 850-487-3013  
Web site: [myfloridalegal.com/victims](http://myfloridalegal.com/victims)

**Georgia**

*Victim Compensation*

**404-559-4949**  
Fax: 404-559-4960  
Web site: [www.ganet.org/cjcc](http://www.ganet.org/cjcc)

*Victim Assistance*

**404-559-4949**  
Fax: 404-559-4960  
Web site: [www.ganet.org/cjcc](http://www.ganet.org/cjcc)

**Guam**

*Victim Compensation*

**9-1-671-475-3324, ext. 285**  
Fax: 9-1-671-472-2493

*Victim Assistance*

**9-1-671-475-3324, ext. 285**  
Fax: 9-1-671-472-2493

**Hawaii**

*Victim Compensation*

**808-587-1143**  
Fax: 808-587-1146  
Web site: [www.hawaii.gov/cvcc](http://www.hawaii.gov/cvcc)

*Victim Assistance*

**808-586-1151**  
Fax: 808-586-1373  
Web site: [www.cjpa.ag.state.hi.us](http://www.cjpa.ag.state.hi.us)

**Idaho**

*Victim Compensation*

**208-334-6000**  
Fax: 208-334-5145  
Web site: [www2.state.id.us/fic/index.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/fic/index.htm)

*Victim Assistance*

**208-334-5580**  
Fax: 208-332-7353  
Web site: [www2.state.id.us/fic/index.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/fic/index.htm)

**Illinois**

*Victim Compensation*

**312-814-2581**  
Fax: 312-814-5079  
Web site: <http://www.ag.state.il.us/victims/victimcomp.html>

*Victim Assistance*

**312-793-8550**  
Fax: 312-793-8422  
Web site: [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us)

**Indiana**

*Victim Compensation*

**317-232-2560**  
Fax: 317-232-4979  
Web site: [www.in.gov/cji/victim/](http://www.in.gov/cji/victim/)

*Victim Assistance*

**317-232-2560**  
Fax: 317-233-3912  
Web site: [www.in.gov/cji/victim/](http://www.in.gov/cji/victim/)

**Iowa**

*Victim Compensation*

**515-281-5044**  
Fax: 515-281-8199  
Web site: [www.state.ia.us/government/ag/CVAD/index.html](http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/CVAD/index.html)

*Victim Assistance*

**515-281-5044**  
Fax: 515-281-8199  
Web site: [www.state.ia.us/government/ag/CVAD/index.html](http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/CVAD/index.html)

**Kansas**

*Victim Compensation*

**785-296-2359**  
Fax: 785-296-0652  
Web site: [www.accesskansas.org/ksag/Divisions/Cvcb/main.htm](http://www.accesskansas.org/ksag/Divisions/Cvcb/main.htm)

*Victim Assistance*

**785-291-3868**  
Fax: 785-291-3204  
Web site: [www.ksgovernor.org/grants\\_vocapp.html](http://www.ksgovernor.org/grants_vocapp.html)

**Kentucky**

*Victim Compensation*

**502-573-2290**  
Fax: 502-573-4817  
Web site: [www.state.ky.us/agencies/cppr/cvcb/](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/cppr/cvcb/)

*Victim Assistance*

**502-564-3251**  
Fax: 502-564-5244  
Web site: <http://justice.ky.gov/departments/gmb/voca.htm>

**Louisiana**

*Victim Compensation*

**225-925-1997**  
Fax: 225-925-1998  
Web site: [www.cole.state.la.us/cvr.htm](http://www.cole.state.la.us/cvr.htm)

*Victim Assistance*

**225-925-1757**  
Fax: 225-925-3889  
Web site: [www.cole.state.la.us/cva.htm](http://www.cole.state.la.us/cva.htm)

**Maine**

*Victim Compensation*

**207-626-8800**  
Fax: 207-624-7730  
Web site: [www.state.me.us/ag/index.php?r=crime-andvictims&s=victimscompensation](http://www.state.me.us/ag/index.php?r=crime-andvictims&s=victimscompensation)

*Victim Assistance*

**207-287-5060**  
Fax: 207-287-5031  
Web Site: <http://www.state.me.us/dhs>

**Maryland**

*Victim Compensation*

**410-585-3331**  
Fax: 410-764-3815  
Web site: [www.dpssc.state.md.us/victimservs/vs\\_cicb.shtml](http://www.dpssc.state.md.us/victimservs/vs_cicb.shtml)

*Victim Assistance*

**410-767-7176**  
Fax: 410-333-0256  
Web site: [www.dhr.state.md.us/victim](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/victim)

**Massachusetts**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**617-727-2200**  
Fax: 617-367-3906  
Web site: [www.ago.state.ma.us](http://www.ago.state.ma.us)

*Victim Assistance*  
**617-727-5200**  
Fax: 617-727-6552  
Web site: [www.state.ma.us/mova](http://www.state.ma.us/mova)

**Michigan**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**517-334-9941**  
Fax: 517-241-2769  
Web site: [www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940\\_3184---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html)

*Victim Assistance*  
**517-334-9180**  
Fax: 517-334-9942  
Web site: [www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940\\_3184---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html)

**Minnesota**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**651-205-4826**  
Fax: 651-296-5787  
Web site: [www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/)

*Victim Assistance*  
**651-282-6256**  
Fax: 651-205-4808  
Web site: [www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/)

**Mississippi**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**601-359-6766**  
Fax: 601-359-3262  
Web site:  
[www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/main?OpenForm](http://www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/main?OpenForm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**601-987-4990**  
Fax: 601-987-4154  
Web site:  
[www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/main?OpenForm](http://www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/main?OpenForm)

**Missouri**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**573-526-3510**  
Fax: 573-526-4940  
Web site: [www.dolir.mo.gov/wc/cv\\_help.htm](http://www.dolir.mo.gov/wc/cv_help.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**573-751-4905**  
Fax: 573-751-5399  
Web Site: [www.dps.state.mo.us/dps/DPS2002/victimservices/victimservices.htm](http://www.dps.state.mo.us/dps/DPS2002/victimservices/victimservices.htm)

**Montana**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**406-444-3653**  
Fax: 406-444-4722

Web Site:  
<http://www.doj.state.mt.us/victims/default.asp>

*Victim Assistance*  
**406-444-3604**  
Fax: 406-444-4722  
Web Site: <http://www.mbcc.state.mt.us>

**Nebraska**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**402-471-2194**  
Fax: 402-471-2837  
Web site:  
[www.ncc.state.ne.us/services\\_programs/crime\\_victim\\_reparations.htm](http://www.ncc.state.ne.us/services_programs/crime_victim_reparations.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**402-471-2194**  
Fax: 402-471-2837  
Web Site: [www.nol.org/home/crimecom](http://www.nol.org/home/crimecom)

**Nevada**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**702-486-2740**  
Fax: 702-486-2825  
Web Site: <http://dadmin.state.nv.us>

*Victim Assistance*  
**775-684-4449**  
Fax: 775-688-1616  
Web Site: [www.ddfs.state.nv.us](http://www.ddfs.state.nv.us)

**New Hampshire**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**603-271-1284**  
Fax: 603-271-2110  
Web Site: [www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/index.html](http://www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/index.html)

*Victim Assistance*  
**603-271-3671**  
Fax: 603-271-2110  
Web Site: [www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/index.html](http://www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/index.html)

**New Jersey**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**973-648-2107**  
Fax: 973-648-7031  
Web site: [www.state.nj.us/victims/](http://www.state.nj.us/victims/)

*Victim Assistance*  
**609-588-4535**  
Fax: 609-588-7890  
Web site:  
[www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/victimwitness/home.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/victimwitness/home.htm)

**New Mexico**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**505-841-9432**  
Fax: 505-841-9437  
Web site: [www.state.nm.us/cvrc](http://www.state.nm.us/cvrc)

*Victim Assistance*  
**505-841-9432**  
Fax: 505-841-9437  
Web site: [www.state.nm.us/cvrc](http://www.state.nm.us/cvrc)

**New York**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**518-457-8727**  
Fax: 518-457-8658  
Web site: [www.cvb.state.ny.us](http://www.cvb.state.ny.us)

*Victim Assistance*  
**518-485-8727**  
Fax: 518-457-8658  
Web site: [www.cvb.state.ny.us](http://www.cvb.state.ny.us)

**North Carolina**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**919-733-7974**  
Fax: 919-715-4209  
Web site:  
[www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,000016](http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,000016)

*Victim Assistance*  
**919-733-4564**  
Fax: 919-733-4625  
Web site: [www.ncgccd.org/Index.cfm](http://www.ncgccd.org/Index.cfm)

**North Dakota**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**701-328-6193**  
Fax: 701-328-6186  
Web site:  
[www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim\\_home.htm](http://www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim_home.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**701-328-6193**  
Fax: 701-328-6186  
Web site:  
[www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim\\_home.htm](http://www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim_home.htm)

**Northern Mariana Islands**  
*Victim Assistance*  
**9-1-670-664-4557**  
Fax: 9-1-670-664-4560  
Web Site: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocom/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocom/)

**Ohio**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**614-466-5610**  
Fax: 614-995-5412  
Web site: [www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime\\_victims\\_services/](http://www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime_victims_services/)

*Victim Assistance*  
**614-466-5610**  
Fax: 614-752-2732  
Web site: [www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime\\_victims\\_services](http://www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime_victims_services)

**Oklahoma**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**405-264-5006**  
Fax: 405-264-5097  
Web site: [www.dac.state.ok.us](http://www.dac.state.ok.us)

*Victim Assistance*  
**1-800-745-6098**  
Fax: 405-264-5097  
Web site: [www.dac.state.ok.us](http://www.dac.state.ok.us)

**Oregon**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**503-378-5348**  
Fax: 503-378-5738  
Web site: [www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/comp.htm](http://www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/comp.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**503-378-5348**  
Fax: 503-378-5738  
Web site: [www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/welcome1.htm](http://www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/welcome1.htm)

**Pennsylvania**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**717-787-2040**  
Fax: 717-783-7713  
Web site: [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us)

*Victim Assistance*  
**717-787-2040**  
Fax: 717-783-7713  
Web site: [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us)

**Puerto Rico**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**787-641-7480**  
Fax: 787-641-7477  
Web Site:  
[www.justicia.gobierno.pr/rs\\_template/v2/CompVic](http://www.justicia.gobierno.pr/rs_template/v2/CompVic)

*Victim Assistance*  
**787-725-0335**  
Fax: 787-721-7280  
Web Site:  
[www.justicia.gobierno.pr/rs\\_template/v2/CompVic](http://www.justicia.gobierno.pr/rs_template/v2/CompVic)

**Rhode Island**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**401-222-3264**  
Fax: 401-222-2212  
Web site: [www.treasury.ri.gov/vcfund.htm](http://www.treasury.ri.gov/vcfund.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**401-222-2620**  
Fax: 401-222-1294  
Web site: [www.rijustice.state.ri.us/voca](http://www.rijustice.state.ri.us/voca)

**South Carolina**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**803-734-1930**  
Fax: 803-734-1708  
Web site: [www.govoep.state.sc.us/sova/vcfund.htm](http://www.govoep.state.sc.us/sova/vcfund.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**803-896-7896**  
Fax: 803-896-8714  
Web site: [www.govoep.state.sc.us/sova/index.htm](http://www.govoep.state.sc.us/sova/index.htm)

**South Dakota**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**605-773-3656**  
Fax: 605-773-6834  
Web site: [www.state.sd.us/social/cvc/index.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/social/cvc/index.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**605-773-3656**  
Fax: 605-773-6834  
Web site: [www.state.sd.us/social/ASA/domesticabuse/index.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/social/ASA/domesticabuse/index.htm)

**Tennessee**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**615-741-2734**  
Fax: 615-532-4979  
Web site: [www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury/](http://www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury/)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**615-741-8277**  
Fax: 615-532-2989  
Web site: [www.state.tn.us/finance/rds/ocjp.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/finance/rds/ocjp.htm)

**Texas**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**512-936-1200**  
Fax: 512-320-8270  
Web site: [www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/cvc.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/cvc.shtml)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**512-463-1929**  
Fax: 512-475-2440  
Web site: [www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/victims.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/victims.shtml)

**U.S. Virgin Islands**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**340-774-1166**  
Fax: 340-774-3466  
*Victim Assistance*  
**340-774-6400**  
Fax: 340-776-3317  
Web Site: [www.islands.vi/~vilepc](http://www.islands.vi/~vilepc)

**Utah**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**801-238-2360**  
Fax: 801-533-4127  
Web site: [www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm](http://www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**801-238-2360**  
Fax: 801-533-4127  
Web site: [www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm](http://www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm)

**Vermont**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**802-241-1250**  
Fax: 802-241-1253  
Web site: [www.ccvs.state.vt.us](http://www.ccvs.state.vt.us)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**802-241-1250**  
Fax: 802-241-1253  
Web site: [www.ccvs.state.vt.us](http://www.ccvs.state.vt.us)

**Virginia**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**804-378-3434**  
Fax: 804-378-4390  
Web site:  
[www.vvc.state.va.us/cicf/cicf\\_start\\_page.htm](http://www.vvc.state.va.us/cicf/cicf_start_page.htm)

*Victim Assistance*  
**804-786-4000**  
Fax: 804-786-7980  
Web site: [www.dcjs.state.va.us](http://www.dcjs.state.va.us)  
**Washington**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**360-902-5340**  
Fax: 360-902-5333  
Web site:  
[www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/CrimeVictims/default.asp](http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/CrimeVictims/default.asp)

*Victim Assistance*  
**360-725-2895** or **800-822-1067**  
Web Site:  
[http://cted.wa.gov/portal/alias\\_\\_CTED/lang\\_\\_en/tabID\\_\\_244/DesktopDefault.asp](http://cted.wa.gov/portal/alias__CTED/lang__en/tabID__244/DesktopDefault.asp)

**West Virginia**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**304-347-4850**  
Fax: 304-347-4915  
Web Site:  
[www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/victims/main.cfm](http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/victims/main.cfm)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**304-558-8814**  
Fax: 304-558-0391  
Web site: [www.wvdcs.com/justiceprograms/victim-sofcrime.html](http://www.wvdcs.com/justiceprograms/victim-sofcrime.html)

**Wisconsin**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**608-266-6470**  
Fax: 608-264-6368  
Web site: [www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/CVCCompensation/Compensation\\_Brochure.asp](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/CVCCompensation/Compensation_Brochure.asp)  
*Victim Assistance*  
**608-267-2251**  
Fax: 608-264-6368  
Web site: [www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/)

**Wyoming**  
*Victim Compensation*  
**307-777-7200**  
Fax: 307-777-6863  
Web site: <http://vssi.state.wy.us>  
*Victim Assistance*  
**307-777-7200**  
Fax: 307-777-6683  
Web site: <http://vssi.state.wy.us/index.asp>

## Countries with Compensation Programs for Victims of Violent Crime

For further information, please visit the Directory of International Crime Victim Compensation Programs on the Internet at [www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/intdir2005/welcome.html](http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/intdir2005/welcome.html).

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Canada  
Columbia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
Hong Kong (SAR)  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Japan  
Luxembourg  
Netherlands, The  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Republic of Korea  
Slovakia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Taiwan  
Trinidad and Tobago  
United States

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