

Can I be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a result of the crime?

The New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission was established to help with the financial hardships suffered by innocent victims of violent crime. Compensation, of up to \$20,000, can be awarded to eligible victims for: medical, hospital, eye and dental expenses; loss of wages; counseling and funeral expenses. A claim must be filed with the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) within two (2) years of the date of the crime. The Victim/Witness Assistance Program will help determine if you are eligible and will also help you fill out the application.

What are the steps of a criminal case in the judicial system?

The District Attorney's Office makes every effort to complete cases within six (6) months. However, some cases may take longer depending on the type and complexity of the case. Generally a case contains the following steps:

1. Crime is reported to law enforcement;
2. Investigation and arrest;
3. Criminal complaint filed if probable cause was determined;
4. Grand Jury or Preliminary Hearing for felonies; Court sends criminal complaint to DA for misdemeanors;
5. First Appearance (felony) or Arraignment (misdemeanors). Formal charges in court and review of bond conditions;
6. Formal pretrial motions and hearings;
7. Pre-Trial Conference;
8. Plea Agreement or Jury Trial;
9. Sentencing Hearing;
10. Appeals (if filed)

Community Resources
CIBOLA COUNTY

Roberta's Place/Domestic Violence Services
(505) 287-7724—Grants

Law Enforcement Administrative Offices

Grants Police Department 287-2984 Milan Police Department 287-4491
New Mexico State Police 287-4377 Acoma Police Department 552-6601
Laguna Police Department 552-6685 Cibola County Sheriff 876-2040
Ramah Navajo PD 775-3226

SANDOVAL COUNTY

Haven House/Domestic Violence Services
(505) 896-4869—Rio Rancho
1-800-526-7157 Crisis Helpline

Law Enforcement Administrative Offices

Bernalillo Police Department 867-2304 Cuba Police Department 289-9157
New Mexico State Police 841-9256 Rio Rancho DPS 891-7226
Sandoval County Sheriff 867-7526 Corrales Village Police 897-1277
Victim Services/RRDPS 891-5851 Jemez Springs PD 829-3345
Sandia Pueblo PD 891-7226 San Ysidro PD 834-7581
Santa Ana PD 867-9178 Navajo Regional Office 863-8317

VALENCIA COUNTY

Valencia Shelter/Domestic Violence Services
(505) 864-3202—Belen, NM
(505) 565-3100—Los Lunas, NM
(505) 864-1383 Crisis Helpline

Law Enforcement Administrative Offices

Belen Police Department 864-6288 Bosque Farms PD 869-2358
Los Lunas Police Department 839-3855 Valencia County Sheriff 866-2400
New Mexico State Police 841-9256 Isleta Pueblo PD 869-6511

ALBUQUERQUE RAPE CRISIS
(505) 266-7711

ALBUQUERQUE SANE
(505) 883-8720

SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE
(505) 232-4099

LEGAL FACS/Legal Services
(505) 256-0417

LEGAL AID/Legal Services
(505) 243-7871

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)
(505) 255-2955 1-800-522-6233 (Toll Free)

NM COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
(505) 246-9240 1-800-799-7233 (National DV Hotline)

NM COALITION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS
(505) 883-8020 1-888-883-8020 (Toll Free)

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION
(505) 841-9432 1-800-306-6262 (Toll Free)

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A Message From:
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The Victims of Crime Act provides for certain rights to victims of violent crimes. My office is here to help you understand those rights and to provide information regarding victim assistance programs available to you. We will provide guidelines for possible financial assistance available for expenses incurred as a result of the crime. We are committed to working with you as your case proceeds through the criminal justice system.

Our regular business hours are between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact our offices with any questions or concerns.

When do the rights of the Victims of Crime Act take effect?

The rights and duties established pursuant to the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act take effect when an individual is formally charged by a district attorney for allegedly committing a criminal offense against a victim. A formal charge is an indictment or preliminary hearing, or the filing of a criminal complaint and delivery of that complaint to the DA's office. These rights and duties remain in effect until the final disposition of the court proceedings. The final disposition includes the sentencing appeal (if filed). After conviction, victims will be notified of parole board hearings and release dates.

What are your rights? *

- A. To be treated with fairness and respect;
- B. Timely disposition of the case;
- C. To be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process;
- D. Notification of court proceedings;
- E. To attend any public court proceeding that the accused has the right to attend;
- F. To confer with the prosecution;
- G. To make a statement at any sentencing or post-sentencing hearing for the accused;
- H. To receive restitution from the offender;
- I. Information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, escape or release of the accused;
- J. To have the prosecuting attorney notify the victim's employer, if requested, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a court proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause;
- K. Return of evidence belonging to victim;
- L. To be informed at a sentencing proceeding that the offender is eligible to earn meritorious deductions from the offender's sentence, and the amounts that may be earned by the offender.

**** Victims must keep the District Attorney's office informed of their current address and phone***

What violent crimes are listed in the Victims of Crime Act?

Your rights as a victim of a violent crime take effect for the following criminal offenses contained in the criminal code of the State of New Mexico: (31-26-1 NMSA 1978)

- 1. Negligent arson resulting in death or bodily injury;
- 2. Aggravated arson;
- 3. Aggravated assault;
- 4. Aggravated battery;
- 5. Dangerous use of explosives;
- 6. Negligent use of a deadly weapon;
- 7. Murder
- 8. Voluntary manslaughter;
- 9. Involuntary manslaughter;
- 10. Kidnapping;
- 11. Criminal sexual penetration;
- 12. Criminal sexual contact of a minor;
- 13. Armed robbery;
- 14. Homicide by vehicle;
- 15. Great bodily injury by vehicle;
- 16. Abandonment or abuse of a child;
- 17. Stalking or aggravated stalking;
- 18. Aggravated assault against a household member;
- 19. Assault against a household member with intent to commit a violent felony;
- 20. Battery against a household member;
- 21. Aggravated battery against a household member.