

Did you know?

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CRIMINAL INJURY COMPENSATION

If you have been injured or suffered mental or nervous shock as a result of a crime, you may be eligible for compensation and funding for counselling according to the Criminal Injury Compensation (CIC) Act. CIC is administered by the Workers' Compensation Board.

Who is Eligible?

- A victim of crime, or his or her dependents if the crime resulted in death.
- Compensation may be awarded whether or not any person is prosecuted for or convicted of the offence.
- The crime must have occurred in British Columbia after June of 1972.
- An application must be made within one year of the incident.
- The Board does have the discretion to extend this time, particularly in cases of sexual abuse.

What Can You Claim?

Awards are often lump sum payments but can also be in the form of periodic payments for long term disability.

What Offences?

The *Criminal Injury Compensation Act* has a list of offences for which compensation is available. Some of these are:

- causing death or harm by criminal negligence
- sexual assault
- assault
- criminal harassment (stalking)
- illegal confinement
- robbery
- arson

Where to Apply

Application forms are available from Criminal Injury Compensation Offices, police departments or at offices of the Workers' Compensation Board. For further information and assistance, contact: Victims' Assistance Program 1-800-VICTIMS