

The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority

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is nationally responsible for three areas:

Compensation for criminal injuries

Have you been the victim of a crime? You may be entitled to financial compensation from the Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, particularly if you have suffered bodily injury. One condition is that the person who committed the crime is unable to pay damages for your injury; another is that your injuries are not covered by insurance. You may be entitled to compensation even if the offender is unknown.

The Crime Victim Fund (Brottsofferfonden)

The resources of the Fund are made available to both non-profit organisations and public bodies that provide help to the victims of crime, as well as for research in this sphere. The Fund is financed through a special fine of 500 kronor which everyone convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment must pay. The Fund also accepts gifts and donations. The Fund annually grants just over 30 million kronor.

Application times: 1 April and 1 October.

Centre of Competence (Kunskapscentrum)

This Authority is responsible for gathering and distributing information and the results of research with a view to improving the way in which victims of crime are cared for and treated. This is done, for example, by sending information to authorities, non-profit organisations and victims of crime. This Authority also organises courses and seminars in order to disseminate information and the findings of research about victims of crime.



Information to victims of crimes against their person

For further information, please contact:

The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority

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Have you been the victim of an assault, molestation or other crime against your person?

Contact the Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority. You may be entitled to criminal injuries compensation.

If the person who committed the crime is unable to pay damages and your injuries are not covered by insurance, you may be entitled to criminal injuries compensation - financial compensation from the government. You may be entitled to such compensation even if the offender is unknown. As a rule, the crime must have been reported to the police. Criminal injuries compensation is primarily paid for bodily injuries and violation.

Injuries to your person

Compensation can be paid for both physical and mental injury resulting from a crime. For example, you may receive compensation for:

- costs for medical treatment, counselling and other expenses related to the injury that you or a close relative have been subjected to
- loss of income
- physical or mental suffering of a passing nature (pain and suffering), e.g. if you have been hospitalised or have been through painful treatment
- permanent injury such as a physical disability or, for example, scars, loss of teeth, impaired vision or hearing
- other inconveniences resulting from the injury, e.g. significant difficulties at work

If you have suffered physical injuries, compensation

may also cover damaged clothing or dentures, broken glasses and other such things that you had upon your person at the time of the crime.

Violation

In order for you to be entitled to compensation for violation, the crime must have been a serious violation of your person, your freedom or peace of mind. The majority of sexual assaults belong to this category. Right to compensation often exists also in cases of assault as well as unlawful threats and robbery. The lowest compensation is 5 000 kronor, but much higher sums of money may be paid out, especially if you have been the victim of repeated or serious crimes.

Application

In order to receive criminal injuries compensation, you must submit a written application. The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority provides a form for this purpose. For children, i.e. persons under the age of eighteen, the guardian (or in the case of joint custody, both guardians) is expected to apply on the child's behalf. Alternatively, the application can be made by a trustee specially appointed for the child.

As a rule, the application must be submitted to the Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority no later than two years after the crime or the legal proceedings.

In some cases, the Authority may accept an application that has been submitted at a later date.

Ways of receiving support and help

Being the victim of crime often gives rise to many feelings and may also create other problems. The social services in your municipality are responsible for ensuring that you as a crime victim and your next of kin receive support and help. This may include financial, practical and psychological support.

A number of non-profit organisations provide help and support to victims of crime. This includes counselling

and help in getting in touch with authorities and insurance companies. Some of the nationwide organisations are listed below. They can also help to put you in touch with their local branches or they may be listed in your local telephone directory.

Non-governmental organisations

Barnens Rätt i Samhället, BRIS (Children's Rights in Society)

E-mail: info@bris.se

Website: www.bris.se

Telephone for children: 0200-230 230

Telephone for adults: 077-150 50 50

Brottsofferjourenas Riksförbund, BOJ

(Swedish Association for Victim Support)

E-mail: boj.riks@boj.se Website: www.boj.se

Tel: 0200-21 20 19 (day or night)

Mansjourerna (Helplines for men)

E-mail: info@mansjouren.net

Website: www.mansjouren.net

Tel: 08-30 30 20 (day or night)

RFSL (Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights), Victim Support

E-mail: hbt-jouren@rfsl.se

Website: www.rfsl.se

Tel: 08-34 13 16 (day or night)

ROKS (The National Organization for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters in Sweden)

E-mail: info@roks.se Website: www.roks.se

Tel: 08-442 99 30

Rädda Barnen (Save the Children)

E-mail: info@rb.se Website: www.rb.se

Tel: 08-698 90 00

Sveriges Kvinnojourers Riksförbund, SKR

(Swedish Association of Women's Shelters)

E-mail: info@kvinnojour.com

Website: www.kvinnojour.com

Tel: 08-642 64 01

Terrafem

(Multilingual helpline for immigrant women and girls)

E-mail: info@terrafem.org

Website: www.terrafem.org

Tel: 020-52 10 10 (day or night)

In addition there is the government-initiated National Centre for Men's Violence against Women.

NKC (National Centre for Men's Violence against Women)

Tel: 018-611 40 00 Fax: 018-50 73 94

Website: www.akademiska.se/nkc

E-mail: see the website/staff