

A Message From  
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL  
**KWAME RAOUL**



The Attorney General's Office helps victims of violent crime navigate the inevitable challenges and trauma that can compound the impact of a crime. The important services we provide to crime victims can also play a critical role in violence prevention. The Violence

Prevention and Crime Victim Services Division fills many important gaps that, in the aftermath, can be difficult to even see when you or a loved one has been harmed.

Through the office's compensation program, victims can access financial reimbursement to offset certain eligible expenses that arise from the crime. Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and their household members can turn to this office to secure an alternate mailing address as an added safety measure. Through the VINE system victims stay informed about changes in an offender's case status and receive support when navigating the criminal justice system. The office also provides grant funds to community organizations that combat crime and serve victims.

Violent crime is not bound by county lines or income brackets — it has the potential to affect anyone. There is no hierarchy of hurt. Our programs and services are anchored in a victim-centered approach that recognizes the underlying impact of trauma. We are here to support and help victims heal and move toward restoration. Please contact the Attorney General's Office if you or someone you love is having difficulty coping with the impact of a violent crime and feel that any of the services described here could help make things better.

Sincerely,

Kwame Raoul  
Illinois Attorney General



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**Crime Victim Landing Page**

[illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims)

Violence Prevention and Crime Victim Services  
Office of the Attorney General  
115 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

**Crime Victims Assistance Line**

1-800-228-3368

**Violent Crime Victim Assistance (VCVA)  
Program**

[illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/vcva](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/vcva)

**Illinois Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**

[acp@ilag.gov](mailto:acp@ilag.gov)

1-844-916-0295 (Toll-Free)

**Illinois VINE**

[vinelink.com](http://vinelink.com)

1-866-5-NOTIFY (Voice)

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**

[sane@ilag.gov](mailto:sane@ilag.gov)

1-866-376-7215

**Outreach and Education Activities**

1-800-228-3368

Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities  
can reach us by using the 711 relay service.

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**VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION  
AND CRIME  
VICTIM SERVICES**



**Crime changes  
things in ways you  
might not expect**



## We offer resources to help regain peace of mind.

### **Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program**

The Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program offers reimbursement up to \$45,000 (\$27,000 for crimes before 8/7/22) for expenses incurred by eligible applicants as a result of a violent crime.

Eligible expenses include but are not limited to:

- Accessibility and Usability of Property
- Crime-Scene Clean Up
- Funeral/Burial Expenses
- Loss of Earnings
- Medical, Hospital and Dental Expenses
- Mental Health Counseling Expenses
- Relocation Costs
- Replacement Costs
- Tuition Expenses

If you or someone you love has been impacted by a violent crime, please call our toll-free Crime Victims Assistance Line for more information.

You can also apply for compensation online at [https://forms.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Forms/CrimeVictims\\_CompensationRequest](https://forms.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Forms/CrimeVictims_CompensationRequest).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs receiving federal financial assistance. Persons who speak English as a second language who are applicants or recipients to programs receiving federal financial assistance, will be afforded language translation and interpretation services at no charge to the applicant or recipient. If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

### **Violent Crime Victim Assistance (VCVA) Program**

The VCVA Program provides grant funding for agencies and organizations who provide victim and witness services and victim advocacy. The VCVA fund is supported by fees from convicted offenders.

### **Illinois Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**

The ACP Program provides survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and their household members, with a substitute address to use as their home and work addresses, instead of the address where they actually live. The ACP Substitute Address helps prevent abusers from locating survivors, but is not a substitute for a comprehensive safety plan. For more information visit [illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/address\\_confidentiality](https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/address_confidentiality).

### **Illinois VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) System**

The Illinois VINE system provides up-to-date information on the custody and/or case status of an offender. Victims can register for an automatic notification of a change in a case or custody status of an inmate, create a Watch list, and access victim service providers through Illinois VINE. Notifications are available by email, text message, phone call, or through the VINE application for mobile devices. For more information visit [vinelink.com](https://vinelink.com).

### **Statewide Victim Assistance Program**

The Attorney General's Statewide Victim Assistance Program provides support to crime victims and witnesses who are involved in cases that are being prosecuted by this office. Effective January 1, 2023, the Office of the Illinois Attorney General will receive complaints, investigate allegations, and make recommendations to address crime victim's rights violations.

### **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**

The SANE program trains registered nurses and other professionals who treat and assist sexual assault patients to reduce re-traumatization of victims, improve the quality of forensic evidence collection, which in turn increases prosecution rates of offenders.

To register for a SANE training or to inquire about upcoming trainings, please contact: Conference Registration Line: 1-866-376-7215 or [sane@ilag.gov](mailto:sane@ilag.gov).

### **Outreach and Education Activities**

Violence Prevention and Crime Victim Services staff participates in outreach activities to inform victims about the services provided by the Attorney General's Office. The Division also coordinates educational opportunities to help build the capacity of advocates, vendors and criminal justice system professionals. For more information, please contact 1-800-228-3368 and ask for the Outreach Specialist.

