

# NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE

## VICTIMS OF CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

### CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION

If you or a family member are the victim of an adult or juvenile crime in Pennsylvania or are hurt while apprehending or aiding in the apprehension of a suspected criminal, you may be eligible for compensation. To be eligible, you must file a claim within two (2) years from the date the crime occurred, except for; (a) in certain circumstances, minors have until their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday or the statute of limitations expires, whichever is later and (b) homicide cases have two years from the discovery/identification of the body.

#### Compensation may pay for:

*Medical Expenses	*Crime Scene Clean-up
*Counseling	*Loss of Support (In Homicide Cases)
*Loss of Earnings	*Rape Exams
*Cash Loss of Benefits	*Travel Expenses
*Funeral Expenses	*Prescription Medication
*Prosthetic Devices/Corrective Lenses	

#### Compensation will not pay for:

\*Pain and Suffering  
\*Stolen or Damaged Property (unless essential to basic bodily functions)  
\*Auto Related Injuries  
(unless inflicted in a DUI crash or REAP, Homicide by Vehicle, Hit and Run)

#### Minimum loss requirements:

If under age 60: \*A minimum of \$100 total qualifying out-of-pocket expenses.  
If over age 60: \*No minimum out-of-pocket expenses  
Emergency Awards are available up to \$ 1,500.00 and maximum awards of \$ 35,000.00, plus counseling, crime scene clean-up and forensic rape exam.

#### For more information and specific qualifications contact:

<b>Crime Victims Council</b>	or	<b>Bureau of Victims Services</b>
801 Hamilton Street		Victim's Compensation Division
Suite 300		P.O. Box 1167
Allentown, PA 18101		Harrisburg, PA 17108-1167
<b>610 437-6610</b>		<b>1-800-233-2339</b>

**Allentown Police Department 610-437-7753**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order which could include the following:

- 1) An order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- 2) An order directing the abuser to leave your household;
- 3) An order preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business or place of employment.
- 4) An order awarding you or the other parent temporary custody of , or Temporary visitation with, your child or children;
- 5) An order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so;
- 6) An order directing the abuser to refrain from stalking or harassing you or other designated persons;
- 7) An order telling the abuser to give up any weapons used during the act of abuse;
- 8) An order telling the abuser to pay for reasonable losses suffered as a result of the abuse.

If you need assistance in filing a PFA or more information about a PFA, contact:

**LEHIGH COUNTY PFA OFFICE 610-782-3390**

If there are criminal charges and you have questions, call:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT  
LEHIGH COUNTY 610-782-3322**

### VICTIM'S RESPONSIBILITY

In order for you to receive information and/or notice on matters concerning your case, you must provide a valid address and telephone number to the requesting agency. You are also responsible for providing timely notice of any changes in that information. The information you provide is confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than a representative of a law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office of corrections agency without your written prior consent. The victim's responsibility falls to the parent or legal guardian for child Victims and to a surviving family member in the case of a homicide.

As the victim of crime in Pennsylvania, you have certain rights provided by the law. One of those rights is to receive basic information concerning the services available to you. The agencies listed on the reverse side of this form are available to assist you depending upon how you have been victimized. Telephone numbers marked **HOTLINE** are staffed 24 hours a day. All other numbers are available during regular business hours. If you were the victim of a crime and would like a representative of (check one) [ ] Crime Victims Council or [ ] Turning Point to contact you, indicate a telephone number where you can be reached.

[ ] **I want** [ ] **I do not want** to be contract by a representative of the Crime Victims Council or Turning Point

Victim's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be reached at Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Victim's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Crime: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Allentown Police Department (white)**

**Turning Point or Crime Victims (yellow)**

**District Attorney (pink)**

**Victim (gold)**

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### AGENCIES THAT CAN ASSIST YOU:

#### **Victims Compensation Assistance Program**

Office of Victim's Services (800) 233-2339  
P.O. Box 1167 or (717) 783-5153  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1167

#### **Victim/Witness Assistance Program:**

Information on victim's rights and services in the criminal justice system and community

Agency: Lehigh County District Attorney's Office  
Telephone Number: 610-782-3890

#### **Juvenile Court Victim/Witness Assistance Program:**

Information on victim's rights and services in the juvenile justice system and community

Agency: Crime Victims Council, Juvenile Services  
Telephone Number: 610-782-3368

#### **Domestic Violence Services:**

Legal advocacy, counseling, shelter, and other assistance

Agency: Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-3369

#### **Sexual Assault Services:**

Counseling, advocacy, and services for adult and child sexual assault victims

Agency: Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-6611

### AGENCIES THAT CAN ASSIST YOU (con't):

#### **Drunk Driving Services:**

Counseling, advocacy, and services for victims of DUI crashes

Agency: Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-6611

#### **Homicide Services**

Counseling, advocacy, and services for the surviving family of homicide victims

Agency: Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-6611

#### **Child Abuse Services:**

Counseling, information and referral services for abused and neglected children

Agency: Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-6611

#### **Elder Abuse Services:**

Counseling, shelter, and protective services for victims age 60 and over

Agency: Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services  
Hotline Number: 610-782-3255

#### **Robbery, Assault and Burglary Services:**

Counseling, advocacy, and services for victims of robbery, assault, and burglary

Agency: Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley  
Hotline Number: 610-437-6611