

VALLEYCARE
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
POLICY & PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT/TITLE: AID TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES

POLICY: To provide information to victims of violent crimes.

PURPOSE: To provide aid to victims of violent crimes.

DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (DEM)

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: California state law requires that posters be placed in the Emergency Room or areas where the public has ready access to make people who wish to file an application aware of the program (Aid to Victims of Violent Crimes).

The Emergency Room shall maintain application forms which will be given to the patients on their request. The applications for compensation must be filed by the victim, a dependent of the victim, or any individual who legally or voluntarily assumes the obligation for the medical or burial expenses. The application cannot be filed by the provider of medical services.

For additional application forms, write to the office of:

California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
P.O. Box 3036
Sacramento, CA 95812
(800) 777-9224

Victim/Witness Center
Van Nuys: (818) 374-3075
North Hollywood: (818) 623-4056
San Fernando: (818) 898-2406

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Victim Compensation

Persons physically injured during a crime, may be eligible for compensation.

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Those eligible include:

1. A person who sustains physical injury or death as a direct result of a crime of violence.
2. Anyone legally dependent for his support upon a person who sustains physical injury or death as a result of a crime of violence.
3. In the event of death caused by a crime of violence, any individual that legally assumes the obligation, who voluntarily pays the medical or burial expenses incurred as a direct result thereof.
4. Good Samaritans and their dependents.
5. Victims suffering monetary loss, which results in serious financial hardship.
6. Victims that file within one year of the commission of the crime.

Witness Assistance

1. Witness notification.
2. Explanation of court procedures and the criminal justice system.
3. Reception and escort service to and from court.
4. Intervention with employer.
5. Property return assistance.

For further information on either program listed above, please contact the Victim/Witness Assistance Program at (213) 974-7499.

References:	
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