

How We Can Help

Our lawyers can:

- Give advice about whether your claim has a good chance of being accepted
- Explain the process
- Keep you informed
- Help you get the information you need
- Get copies of records - Court, Police, Hospital, Medical, Ambulance
- Fill in forms and paperwork
- Write letters
- Arrange specialist appointments and reports
- Prepare a claim for compensation or ex-gratia payment.

Our Client Support Officers can:

- Give you information and referrals
- Help you get your ID
- Go to appointments with you
- Link you with other services

The information in this brochure is general information only. It is best to see one of our lawyers for legal advice about your individual circumstances.



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Acknowledgment to Country

Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (SA) acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands across Australia and particularly the traditional owners in Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Adelaide, the lands on which the FVLSAC offices are situated. We pay our deep respects to Elders past, present and future.

Victims of Crime



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Victims of Crime Compensation

If you are a victim of a crime, you may be entitled to apply for victims of crime compensation.

Claims can be made for:

- Physical injuries - cuts, bruises, scarring, broken bones, dental work
- Psychological and mental health injuries - anxiety, depression, PTSD
- Pain and suffering
- Financial losses
- Treatment costs or loss of wages

When Should I Apply?

Claims should be made within 5 years from the date the offence happened.

Late claims are allowed if you can explain why it took a longer time - this is not uncommon.

You should get legal advice about this.

Victims of Crime

If you have been a victim of family and domestic abuse or sexual assault, our lawyers and client support officers can:

- Give you information and legal advice
- Link you with support services
- Write a Victim Impact statement
- Apply to be on the Victims Register
- Talk to you about Victims of Crime Compensation or other payments

What Can You Do?

- Report the Matter to Police and keep in touch with them
- Get medical or dental help if you need it
- Get support from a counsellor or psychologist
- Write everything down
- Keep copies of receipts
- Keep a diary of dates, places, and the names of people you speak to

Will the Offender Find Out?

If the person has been convicted of the crime, they can be told if a claim for compensation is made against them. This is because the Government might try to get the money paid back from the offender. Your details such as your address are confidential and are exempt to the offender.

How Long Will It Take?

Victims of Crime Compensation claims can take a very long time, sometimes years to finish.

The length of time will depend on things like:

- How long it took for the offender to be prosecuted (Go to Court)
- How long it takes to work out what treatment is needed
- How long it takes to get records
- How long specialist reports take

How Much Can I Get?

How much you can claim depends on:

- The date you were hurt
- What kind of injuries were caused
- Whether you added to your own injuries
- If you reported the matter to Police
- If you helped Police with the investigation

Our lawyers can give you advice about this.

The highest amount of compensation is rare and only given in very special cases.