

What is Crime Victims' Compensation?

If your case involved physical or psychological harm from a violent crime, you may be able to get financial help for counseling, medical or death related costs. It does not cover damages related to property crimes, stolen property or relocation expenses. For further information, go to doj.state.or.us/crime-victims

Recovering Your Losses through the Civil Process

Restitution is independent of and may be awarded in addition to a civil judgment. "Pain and suffering" cannot be requested as restitution.

For more information about the civil process, you may contact your own attorney, the Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral Service (osbar.org/public) or the Small Claims department in the Multnomah County Courthouse

Mul.SmallClaims@ojd.state.or.us 971-274-0540

For in-person information about small claims, there are clerks available Monday to Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm at Multnomah County Courthouse Customer Service - 2nd Floor 8am-5pm

Important Phone Numbers

**Multnomah County District Attorney
Victim Assistance Program**
restitution@mcda.us
503-988-3222

**Multnomah County Adult Community
Justice** (to find out who the
Probation/Parole officer is)
multco.us/dcj-adult/ppo-lookup
503-988-7606

**Multnomah County Circuit Court
Accounting**
Mul.Criminal@ojd.state.or.us
971-274-0560

Multnomah County Court's Small Claims
Mul.SmallClaims@ojd.state.or.us
971-274-0540

Crime Victims' Compensation Program
doj.state.or.us/victims
cvssd@doj.oregon.gov
503-378-5348

**Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral
Service**
www.osbar.org/public
503-684-3763

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What is restitution?

Restitution means repayment of economic damages caused by a crime. Restitution is limited to out of pocket expense and cannot include “pain and suffering”. Restitution is determined at the time of sentencing and can be made part of the defendant’s probation or post-prison supervision. Filing a claim for restitution does not prevent you from recovering damages from the defendant in a civil lawsuit or applying for Crime Victims’ Compensation.

How do I let the DA’s office know what my losses are?

A restitution information form will be mailed to you once your case is issued. Please completely fill out the form and mail it back or submit it via email restitution@mcda.us.

What kind of documentation is needed?

Documentation to support your loss amounts will assist us in requesting restitution on your behalf. This could include receipts, estimates, bills, statements, or even itemizing what the loss was. Ask us if you are unsure.

What if I have insurance?

You can request to have your deductible amount be a part of restitution. If the insurance company pays you for your loss, they can add themselves as a victim and request that the defendant reimburse them for their losses as well. Any loss that was not covered by your insurance policy can be requested as restitution.

What can I request for restitution?

Victims of crime have the right to request restitution for expenses directly caused by the crime that have not been covered by insurance or Crime Victims Compensation. This could include medical bills, insurance deductibles, stolen or damaged property,

and loss of wages. Remember that it is the court’s decision what damages are appropriate for restitution.

What can I claim as lost wages?

If you have a job, but were unable to work as a result of the criminal act you may be able to request restitution for the amount of money that you lost by missing work or the value of PTO used during that time. You may also be able to request restitution for lost wages related to missing work that resulted from being subpoenaed to testify or exercising your rights as a victim.

What is the value of my property?

Under Oregon law you may recover as restitution the cost to replace or repair your property, whichever is less. The replacement value is how much your property was worth at the time it was damaged. This is almost always less than the cost of a brand new replacement.

What is a restitution hearing?

The State will likely request restitution on the victim’s behalf based on the information that is provided. The defendant has the right to contest the amount being requested. If the courts set a restitution hearing, you are expected to be present and possibly testify to the figures that you have provided. You will be notified if such a hearing is set.

How will I receive restitution payments?

A court order does not guarantee payment by the offender. If restitution is ordered the offender will be expected to make payments to the Circuit Court Accounting, which will then result in the State of Oregon sending you a check in the mail for the amount that has been paid. Please keep in mind that the payments may be relatively small compared to your

total loss amount and are only sent if the defendant is making payments. If you have questions you can contact Circuit Court Accounting directly.

What if I move?

It is your responsibility to keep the courts and DA’s office informed of your current contact information. This will ensure that subpoenas and other information reach you in a timely manner. While the case is open, you can contact the DA’s office and update your information. Once a case is closed you need to keep the court notified of your current address. You may contact Multnomah County Circuit Court Accounting at Mul.FinancialDept@ojd.state.or.us or 971-274-0500 and reference your court case number.

What if I don’t receive payments?

When a judge orders restitution, it is part of either the defendant’s probation or parole. It is up to the supervising agency of the offender to make sure that they comply with all conditions. You are encouraged to keep the supervising agency informed if you are not receiving payments.

How do I find out who the supervising agency is?

The Multnomah County Adult and Community Justice administrative office can provide you with the name and contact information for the probation officer. You can call 503-988-7606 if you have their first and last name or use the following link if you have their name and also their state ID number or DOB: multco.us/dcj-adult/ppo-lookup. If you are a victim, and you request it, you will be notified of parole/probation hearings or court cases relating to you. If the offender is not on formal probation you may contact the courts at #971-274-0500, Mul.Criminal@ojd.state.or.us and listen for the prompt.