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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES
FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME**

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CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

The Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) Program can reimburse certain out-of-pocket expenses that victims and their loved ones may have as the result of a violent crime. The program is funded entirely by fines and penalties paid by offenders, not taxpayers. Out-of-pocket expenses that can be considered for reimbursement include:

- **Medical care**
- **Counseling**
- **Lost wages**
- **Funeral/burial**
- **Replacement of clothing held as evidence**
- **Crime scene clean-up**
- **Replacement of home security items**
- **Child/dependent care**
- **Emergency relocation**
- **Travel/lodging**

Applications for the CVC Program can be completed online, over the phone, or by mailing in a paper application. While there is no way for the program to erase the painful memories of a crime, it can assist victims and survivors in their recovery and ease the financial burden caused by the crime.

Our mission is to advocate for the rights and needs of crime victims and ensure that all crime victims will be treated with dignity and respect. In this brochure you will find information on the programs offered by the Division.

SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION

Pays for the cost of evidentiary examinations in sexual assault crimes, regardless of whether the crime is reported to law enforcement. The purpose of the program is to ensure the health of the victim and to collect evidence for future investigation and prosecution.

VICTIM SERVICES SUPPORT

The Victim Services Support Program (VSS) provides partial funding and technical assistance to community-based, system-based, and statewide victim service programs throughout Iowa. The VSS funds consist of federal and state funds as well as funds from criminal fines and penalties. Funded victim service programs provide free and confidential services to persons who are victims of crime.

IowaVINE

Victim Information and Notification Everyday, IowaVINE provides access to timely and reliable information on the custody status of an offender. Victims of crime and the public can receive information on the custody status of an incarcerated offender 24 hours of a day, seven days a week, by calling **888-7-IAVINE** or by visiting **www.vinelink.com**

Victims may also register by telephone or online to receive automated notifications upon change in offender custody status. Victims may receive English or Spanish notifications via telephone, email, or text message when an offender is transferred, released, escapes or dies.



IDENTITY THEFT PASSPORT

An Identity Theft Passport (IDP) can help victims of identity theft quickly verify the crime to law enforcement, creditors, and other agencies. Victims can present the IDP to law enforcement agencies to help prevent their arrest for offenses committed by the identity thief, and to creditors to dispute fraudulent charges or accounts.

In order to be eligible for an IDP, the identity theft must be reported to law enforcement and the crime must have happened in Iowa, or while the victim resides in Iowa. Victims may apply for an IDP through the law enforcement agency where the crime was reported.

IOWA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANT WATCH

The Iowa Sex Offender Registrant Watch provides 24 hour access to sex offender registrant information online. It also allows the ability to verify a registered sex offender's residence and other additional resources. Access this information by visiting the Iowa Sex Offender Registry website at **www.iowasexoffender.gov** or calling **1-515-725-6050**.

SAFE AT HOME

Safe at Home, a service offered through the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, is an address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, or other violent crimes. The program provides a substitute address, mail forwarding service, and confidential voter registration and absentee voting. For more information, visit **www.safeathome.iowa.gov**.