



# Resources for Child Abduction Victims

The California Victim Compensation Board  
Can Assist Child Abduction Victims and Their Families

## What types of expenses may be eligible for reimbursement?

The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) may reimburse the following out-of-pocket losses due to a covered crime. If available, other sources of reimbursement, such as health insurance, must first be used. Limits apply on how much can be paid for each loss:

- Medical and medically related expenses for the victim.
- Mental health services including reunification and reintegration therapy for the victim and the covered family members.
- Funeral and burial expenses of a deceased crime victim.
- Wage or income loss due to victim's disability as a result of a crime.
- Up to 30 days wage loss for the parent or legal guardian of a minor victim who is hospitalized or dies as a result of a crime.
- Loss of support for dependents, such as a spouse or children, when a victim is killed or permanently disabled.
- Medically necessary renovation or retrofitting of a home or vehicle purchase for a person permanently disabled as a result of the crime.
- Residential security installation or improvements up to \$1,000.
- In-patient psychiatric hospitalization costs under dire or exceptional circumstances.
- Relocation expenses up to \$2,000 per household. Greater reimbursement is available under dire and exceptional circumstance.
- Crime scene cleanup up to \$1,000 when the crime occurred in a residence or vehicle and cleanup of the crime scene was performed by a trauma scene waste management practitioner registered with the State Department of Public Health (Health and Safety Code § 118321).
- Service Dog: Disabled victim whose guide, signal or service dog was injured or killed due to a qualifying crime on or after January 1, 2015.
- Job Retraining or Similar Employment Services: The victim must apply for assistance from the California Department of Rehabilitation and obtain assessment.

Child abduction victims and their families experience problems and disruptions requiring special attention and support. CalVCB was created to ease some of the financial burden victims suffer as a result of a crime.

Victims who are physically injured or threatened with physical injury are eligible to immediately apply for compensation. Child abduction (stranger and family) is a covered crime under CalVCB. The crime must have also occurred in California or to a legal resident of California who was temporarily staying outside of the State. The child victim, and immediate family members including grandparents are eligible to apply. The non-offending parent or the child's legal guardian is encouraged to file a claim for the child as soon as possible, even while missing, so benefits are secured for immediate use when the child is recovered.

**For more information, call 1-800-777-9229 or visit:  
[www.victims.ca.gov](http://www.victims.ca.gov) or contact your local Victim Witness Assistance Center.**

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