

For general information about restitution, call one of the probation services division phone numbers listed below or write to:

**Comprehensive Enforcement Program  
Probation Division  
P.O. Box 987  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0987  
609-815-3810**

<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>609-402-0100 ext. 47160</b>
<b>Bergen</b>	<b>201-221-0700 ext. 25454</b>
<b>Burlington</b>	<b>609-288-9500 ext. 38011</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>856-650-9100 ext. 43280</b>
<b>Cape May</b>	<b>609-402-0100 ext. 47190</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>856-878-5050 ext.15020</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>973-776-9300 ext. 53201</b>
<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>856-878-5050 ext. 15750</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>201-748-4400 ext. 60399</b>
<b>Hunterdon</b>	<b>908-824-9750 ext. 13860</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	<b>609-571-4200 ext. 74210</b>
<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>732-645-4300 ext. 88585</b>
<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>732-358-8700 ext. 87904</b>
<b>Morris</b>	<b>862-397-5700 ext. 75567</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	<b>732-504-0700 ext. 64510</b>
<b>Passaic</b>	<b>973-653-2910 ext. 24147</b>
<b>Salem</b>	<b>856-878-5050 ext. 15920</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>908-332-7700 ext. 13760</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>862-397-5700 ext. 75567</b>
<b>Union</b>	<b>908-787-1650 ext. 21617</b>
<b>Warren</b>	<b>908-332-7700 ext. 13960</b>
<b>ISP</b>	<b>609-815-3810 ext. 16292</b>

## County Offices of Victim Witness Advocacy

<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>609-909-7860</b>
<b>Bergen</b>	<b>201-646-2057</b>
<b>Burlington</b>	<b>609-265-5048</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>856-225-8440</b>
<b>Cape May</b>	<b>609-465-3443</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>856-453-0486</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>973-621-4689</b>
<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>856-384-5500</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>201-795-6508</b>
<b>Hunterdon</b>	<b>908-788-1403</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	<b>609-989-6428</b>
<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>732-745-3394</b>
<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>732-431-6459</b>
<b>Morris</b>	<b>973-285-6219</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	<b>732-929-2195</b>
<b>Passaic</b>	<b>973-881-4887</b>
<b>Salem</b>	<b>856-935-7510 ext. 8364</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>908-575-3359</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>973-383-1570</b>
<b>Union</b>	<b>908-527-4596</b>
<b>Warren</b>	<b>908-475-6284</b>



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# Restitution

Information for Victims

Office of Probation Services





### What is restitution?

A victim or the family of a victim of a crime committed in New Jersey can be repaid for losses and expenses that resulted from the crime. This repayment is called restitution. All convicted or adjudicated persons, or those enrolled in diversionary programs such as pretrial intervention, might have to pay restitution to the victim or the victim's family. As part of a sentence or disposition, a judge might order that the victim or the victim's family be paid restitution for expenses related to the crime. These expenses include lost wages, medical bills, funeral costs, the value of stolen or damaged property, loss of business and other related debts.

When restitution is part of an order, a judge will decide how much, to whom, and over what time period the money is to be paid. The judge shall determine the person's ability to pay. The judge will consider if there are multiple victims, other debts, such as child support or restitution for other crimes, and if the payer is employed or unemployed.

### How is restitution collected?

As part of the sentence or disposition, the judge will establish a payment plan. Based on the payments received, the finance division collects the funds and applies them according to the court order. The probation division monitors the case. Few can pay the restitution ordered in a lump sum. In most cases, a victim or a victim's family could expect that the restitution will be paid over a period of time in amounts based on the payment schedule ordered by the judge. Depending on the circumstances and obligations of those ordered to pay, the victim or the

victim's family might have to wait before receiving all the money due to them.

### What is probation's role?

By law, the probation division is responsible for collecting restitution from those who are placed on pretrial intervention, probation, or sentenced to county jail.

The Judiciary uses its Comprehensive Enforcement Program (CEP) to ensure cooperation with court orders, including collecting fines and restitution. If there is a failure to pay the court ordered restitution, CEP could issue a summons for a hearing. The probation division regularly reminds those ordered to pay restitution of the amount owed and the court-ordered payment schedule. If a person on active supervision has the ability to pay but refuses to do so, they could be returned to court for the appropriate course of action.

The probation division attempts to stay in contact with victims who are owed restitution and their families. Victims must keep the probation division informed of their current address and provide other information as requested.

### What is the Victim of Crimes Compensation Office (VCCO)?

Victims or their families also can receive compensation from the New Jersey Violent Crimes Compensation Office (VCCO). The VCCO can repay victims or their families for out-of-pocket medical expenses, lost wages, and/or funeral costs only after other sources such as insurance, health benefits, welfare, or Social Security have been exhausted. VCCO awards are limited to the actual expenses incurred

and do not cover property loss or pain and suffering. For information about filing claims, contact:

**The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation  
Violent Crimes Compensation Office**  
50 Park Place  
Newark, NJ 07102  
1-877-658-2221  
[www.njvictims.org](http://www.njvictims.org)

### What is victim witness advocacy?

Each county prosecutor's office has an Office of Victim Witness Advocacy. Staff in these offices help victims prepare restitution requests to the court and applications for compensation through the VCCO, make social service agency referrals, and provide case information.

Assistance with restitution or compensation requests can be obtained from the county Office of Victim Witness Advocacy at the phone numbers listed on the back of this brochure, or by contacting:

**The New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex**  
25 Market St.  
P.O. Box 094  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0094  
609-376-2444/2438  
[www.njvw.org](http://www.njvw.org)