

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**

Atlantic	609-402-0100
Bergen	201-221-0700
Burlington	609-288-9500
Camden	856-661-2500
Cape May	609-402-0100
Cumberland	856-451-8000
Essex	973-776-9300
Gloucester	856-853-3600
Hudson	201-748-4400
Hunterdon	908-824-9750
Mercer	609-571-4200
Middlesex	732-645-4300
Monmouth	732-358-8700
Morris	973-656-3500
Ocean	732-504-0700
Passaic	973-247-8631
Salem	856-878-5050
Somerset	908-332-7700
Sussex	973-579-0600
Union	908-787-1650
Warren	908-750-8100
ISP	609-815-3810

County Offices of Victim Witness Advocacy

Atlantic	609-909-7850
Bergen	201-646-2057
Burlington	609-265-5048
Camden	856-225-8431
Cape May	609-465-1163
Cumberland	856-451-3177 ext. 157
Essex	973-621-4687
Gloucester	856-853-3600
Hudson	201-795-6508
Hunterdon	908-788-1403
Mercer	609-989-6428
Middlesex	732-745-3394
Monmouth	732-431-6459
Morris	973-285-6200
Ocean	732-929-2195
Passaic	973-881-4340
Salem	856-935-7510 ext. 8630
Somerset	908-575-3359
Sussex	973-383-1570 ext. 4521
Union	908-527-4596
Warren	908-475-6284



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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

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:

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