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# Victim of a violent crime?

Schadefonds offers you a financial compensation

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## What does Schadefonds do?

The task of 'Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven' is to help victims of violent crimes who are or have been affected by serious physical injuries and/or psychological problems as a result.

Or maybe you are a close or surviving relative of a victim of a violent crime or wrongful death. These are things that should never have happened.

You can apply for a one-off compensation payment. With this financial contribution we recognise you as a victim. This way we want to contribute to restoring your confidence in society.

## What is considered a violent crime?

Schadefonds assesses whether a person intentionally used violence against you or threatened you with violence. You may receive a compensation as a victim or as a close or surviving relative of a victim of one of the following violent crimes:

- > aggravated robbery
- > abuse
- > domestic violence
- > sexual assault/rape
- > stalking
- > human trafficking
- > threat with a weapon



## Are you a victim? These are the requirements

### 1 You are a victim of an intentional violent crime

It must be a violent crime committed intentionally. This means that intentional violence was used against you or you were intentionally threatened with violence (please refer to 'What is considered a violent crime' for examples). So this does not include accidents.

### 2 The crime took place on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

The violent crime must have taken place on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The application must be made within ten years of the crime being committed.

### 3 You suffer(ed) from a serious injury from the violent crime

This may involve physical and/or mental (psychological) injury. An injury is considered serious when it comes with long lasting and/or permanent serious medical consequences.

### 4 The violent crime took place in the Caribbean Netherlands

The violent crime must have taken place in the Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius or Saba), or on board of a Caribbean Netherlands' ship or airplane.

## Important to know

- > Schadefonds never contacts the perpetrator.
- > A court case or conviction is not required.

## 5 You did not take any active part in the violent crime

We will assess your own role in what happened. Examples:

- > you used violence first;
- > you provoked the other person;
- > you are involved in criminal activities (such as drug trafficking).

Did you take an active part in the violent crime? Then it is possible that you will receive no, or a lower compensation payment.

## 6 The damages are not compensated in any other way

You will only receive a compensation payment if the damages have not been compensated by the perpetrator or an insurance company. Should you receive any money afterwards from one of these parties, you may have to repay (part of) the compensation amount to Schadefonds.

## Are you a surviving relative?

You may also submit an application as a surviving relative of a victim who died as a result of an intentional violent crime (murder or manslaughter for instance) or a wrongful death (for instance a fatal road accident caused by an intoxicated driver who on top of that was speeding considerably). An application by a surviving relative should meet requirements 2 and 4 up to 6 as stated in the victims section.

## Are you a close relative of a victim who suffered serious and permanent injury?

You too may submit an application as a close relative of a victim who suffered serious or permanent injury from a violent crime.

**Please note!** The crime must have taken place on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. In addition, an application by a close relative should meet requirements 4 up to 6 as stated in the victims section.

## Who are considered surviving and close relatives?

This often regards:

spouses / (registered) partners / children / parents / siblings

### The compensation: one-off amount

**Are you a victim?** Then the compensation payment comprises a one-off fixed amount. The more serious the injury, the circumstances and the implications, the higher the amount. The compensation payment may vary from € 1.000 to a maximum of € 35.000\*.

**Are you a surviving or close relative?** Then you will receive a fixed amount of € 5.000\*. Furthermore, surviving relatives may receive an additional compensation payment for funeral expenses and damages resulting from the loss of income of the deceased.

*\* The amount to which you are entitled, is paid in euros and credited to your account in dollars. The final amount in dollars depends on the exchange rate on the day of payment.*



## Submit your application

The Victims Assistance Office can assist you with your application and has a digital application form which the officer can help you to complete.

Do you prefer to complete the application form yourself? Then you can download it from our website. **Please note!** You are required to identify yourself at the Victims Assistance Office.

## Victims Assistance Office

The Victims Assistance Office assists victims after a crime, road accident, emergency or report of a missing person.

They can provide practical assistance in writing letters and completing forms. Victims Assistance officers can accompany you or offer support when visiting a physician or the police. In terms of legal matters, the Victims Assistance Office provides information on insurance and legal proceedings. This assistance is free of charge.

### Do you have any questions?

The Victims Assistance Office will be happy to further assist you:

- > Bonaire +599 717 6181
- > St. Eustatius +599 790 0426
- > Saba +599 416 6917
- > E-mail: [slachtofferhulp@politiecn.com](mailto:slachtofferhulp@politiecn.com)



### Want to know more?

For more information, please visit our website [www.schadefondscn.com](http://www.schadefondscn.com)

If required, you may also contact 'Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven' in the European Netherlands via [info@schadefonds.nl](mailto:info@schadefonds.nl)