

Gosnells Community Legal Centre is one of over 200 Community Legal Centres in Australia that form the National Association of Community Legal Centres. Our mission and our work practices are based on the belief in the principles of human rights and social justice. We are a not-for-profit, non-government community based organisation.

All our staff offer confidential, nonjudgmental information, advice and assistance to low income earners.



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### Centre Hours

9.30am-12.30pm / 1.30pm-3.30pm

Tuesday - Friday

(Closed Mondays)

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## Victim Compensation Program

We are dedicated to promoting social justice and equity by providing services which support and empower people to resolve their legal, social and economic issues

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## VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Victim Compensation Program of GCLC provides legal assistance to victims of crime to make an application for Criminal Injuries Compensation.

### Criminal Injuries Compensation

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act provides for compensation to be paid to victims of crime. If you have suffered injury or loss as a result of an offence or an alleged offence then you can claim compensation under the Act which is called a compensation Award.

### Who can claim Compensation

You are eligible to make a claim for compensation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act if you are a victim of any crime, including Domestic and Family Violence, and you have suffered bodily harm, mental or nervous shock or pregnancy as a result of that crime. You may also be eligible to make a claim for compensation if you are a close relative of a person who was killed as a result of a crime.

### Time Limit to Make an Application

You should make the claim for compensation within three years from the date of the last offence taking place. In certain circumstances the Assessor may grant you an extension of time to make a claim.

There is no application fee to make a claim for criminal injuries compensation.

### Amount of Compensation Award

The amount of compensation awarded to you will depend on the severity of your physical or mental injuries, the losses suffered by you and the date on which the offence took place. The maximum that can be awarded for any one offence that took place on or after 1 January 2004 is \$75,000.

### The Application Process

An application for compensation has to be made to the Assessor of Criminal Injuries Compensation. Once the application is lodged it can take up to 12 months for the Assessor to reach a decision on whether or not to make a compensation Award.

### Privacy and confidentiality

The offender, in most cases, will be notified of your application and may also be provided with copies of your documents, although they will be edited to keep private your personal details. The offender is entitled to respond to your application for compensation and may want to obtain their own legal advice.

It is possible to request that your application remain confidential i.e. that the offender not see the application but you will need to give reasons to the Assessor if this is the case.

### Contact

If you would like more information or to receive an initial free consultation you can ring (08) 9398 1455 to make an appointment to see the Victim Compensation Solicitor.

For more information see our FAQs at [www.gosclc.com.au](http://www.gosclc.com.au)

The Centre can make arrangements for a telephone interpreter if required.