



# Restitution

Restitution is a way for the offender to repay you if you have lost money, property or had extra expenses because of a crime. You have right to have the court consider ordering restitution.

**How do I prove that I lost money or property due to a crime?**

- ✓ Fill out the Statement on Restitution form
- ✓ Clearly describe what has been lost or damaged
- ✓ Include copies of receipts and other information like photographs and repair estimates or a paystub showing lost wages

**What are some things I can request restitution for?**

- ✓ If you had to buy things to replace what you lost
- ✓ Repair and restoration of damage
- ✓ Costs for temporary housing, food, childcare and transportation due to moving out of the offender's household
- ✓ Services like a counsellor or psychologist
- ✓ Lost wages
- ✓ The cost of re-establishing your identity, and correcting your credit history and credit rating after identity theft

## Get your Statement of Restitution form to the court:

- ✓ Return your form to the police or your local Victim Services Unit
- ✓ The police or the Victim Services Unit will ask for your Statement of Restitution Form to be attached to the court documents
- ✓ Make sure the Crown Prosecutor and/or the Provincial Clerk's Office has the right mailing address for you

## When the court orders restitution:

You will be provided with a copy of the restitution order if you ask. You are responsible for enforcing the order. You will have to file the order in the court of Queen's Bench to get what is owed to you. The filing fee will be waived.

For more information, refer to the pamphlet [Getting and Enforcing Your Civil Judgement in Alberta](#) available online and through your victim services unit.

## If the court doesn't order restitution:

You can sue the offender in civil court. It will be up to you to pay the court fees and/or a lawyer to do this.



### Remember

- ✓ The offender could be sentenced at any time
- ✓ Return your Statement of Restitution Form to the police or your local Victim Services Unit as soon as possible
- ✓ The accused and their lawyer will receive a copy of your Statement of Restitution

