

## MORE NATIONAL RESOURCES

### **OVC Resource Center**

Office for Victims of Crime  
Office of Justice Programs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
(800) 851-3420 (TDD: 301-240-6310)  
[www.ovc.gov/resourcecenter](http://www.ovc.gov/resourcecenter)

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Office of Justice Services  
Victim Assistance Program  
(202) 208-5787  
[www.bia.gov/bia/ojs/victim-assistance](http://www.bia.gov/bia/ojs/victim-assistance)

### **International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators**

(855) 442-2532  
[www.iaclea.org](http://www.iaclea.org)

### **2-1-1**

Call this number nationwide for 24/7 help in locating community agencies that may offer emergency assistance  
[www.211.org](http://www.211.org)

### **7-1-1**

Call this number nationwide for 24/7 telecommunications relay services that enable people with a hearing or speech disability who use text phones and people who use voice phones to communicate through a third person

### **DUI Crashes: Real Crimes, Real**

**Victims** (roll call video)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=z46wkhWiLSE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z46wkhWiLSE)

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You have just experienced something very traumatic. As an injured victim, or a family member of a victim killed or injured in a DUI crash, you deserve to be treated with respect, sensitivity, and compassion.

Everyone copes differently with grief and trauma. You may have difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite, lapses of concentration, and depression. These are natural reactions, and most every victim and survivor of a DUI crash can benefit from mental health services.

Ask the responding officer or victim advocate about resources available to you. You are not alone. There is help!



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# Help for Victims of DUI Crashes

**Drunk Driving Is A Crime!**

**Drunk Drivers Are Criminals!**

**DUI Crashes Are Never "Accidents"!**

As a victim of a drunk driving crash, you are entitled to the same referrals for services, support, and resources due victims of other violent crimes.



National Sheriffs' Association  
1450 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-3490  
[www.sheriffs.org](http://www.sheriffs.org)  
(800) 424-7827

## GET MEDICAL ATTENTION

Even if you do not have any signs or feelings of injury at the crash scene, ask for an ambulance to transport you to the hospital for examination by a doctor. Drunk driving crashes are a leading cause of traumatic brain injury (also known as closed head injury), in which the brain is injured without the skull being fractured.



## APPLY FOR COMPENSATION

State crime victim compensation programs ensure victims receive the financial assistance needed to pay for medical care, counseling, lost income, funeral bills and many other expenses DUI victims or their survivors incur.

Compensation program staff rely on the police report to determine the facts of a case. Those facts may influence a victim's eligibility. Thus, it is important that you obtain a report from the officer as soon as possible.

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Name of Law Enforcement Officer

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Telephone Number, E-Mail, Case Number

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS

You have legal rights and protections as a DUI crash victim or survivor, including: to be informed of criminal justice proceedings; to attend and be heard at proceedings; to submit a *victim impact statement*, telling the prosecutor and judge how this crime affected you and your family, and; to be notified when the DUI driver is released from incarceration.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Tell the officer of any concerns you have or accommodations needed. Let the officer know if there is someone you want contacted immediately. Do not hesitate to ask questions and to ask the officer to repeat answers you don't understand. Ask the officer to write down information you may need later. Ask, what happens next?



## RECEIVE LOCAL HELP AT

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### Mothers Against Drunk Driving

24-Hour Victim Help Line

(877) 623-3435

[www.madd.org/victims](http://www.madd.org/victims)

### Directory of Crime Victim Services

Office for Victims of Crime

Office of Justice Programs

U.S. Department of Justice

(database searchable by location, type of victimization, services needed, agency type)

[www.ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices](http://www.ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices)

### National Center for Victims of Crime

VictimConnect Resource Center

(855) 4-VICTIM (842846)

[www.victimconnect.org](http://www.victimconnect.org)

### National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards

<http://nacvcb.org/index.asp?sid=5>

### Students Against Destructive Decisions

(508) 481-3568

[www.sadd.org](http://www.sadd.org)

### National Crime Victim Bar Association

Civil Attorney Referral Service

(844) LAW-HELP (529-4357)

[www.victimbar.org](http://www.victimbar.org)

### Concerns of Police Survivors

(573) 346-4911

[www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)