



Surviving the Crisis

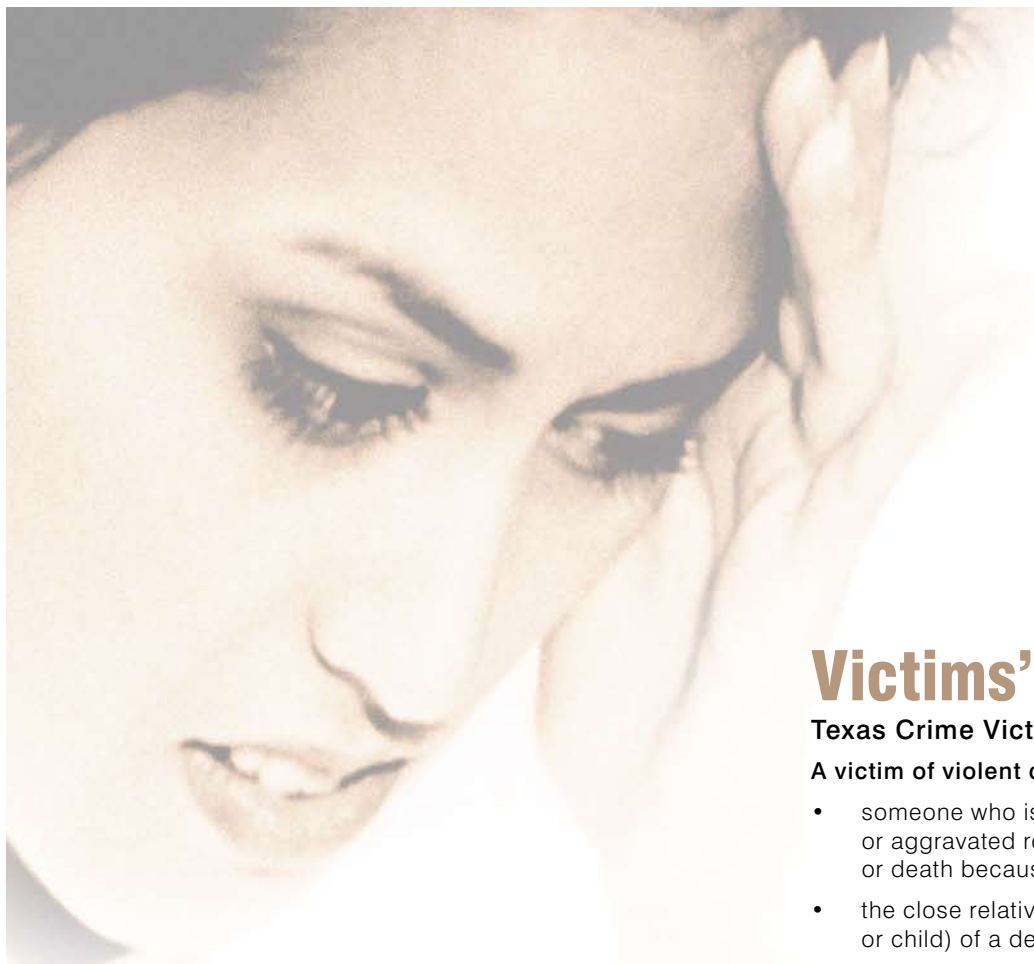
*A Quick Reference Guide
For Victims Of
Drunk Driving*

MADD

*Mothers Against
Drunk Driving*

This MADD guide has been developed to help you find direction after a drunk driving incident. We provide services for all persons victimized by the crime of drunk driving, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, or relationship with the victim. Our services are free of charge.

1.800.777.MADD (6233)
www.madd.org/tx



How Can We Help?

MADD Advocates Can Help You By:

- Offering emotional support and providing information by phone or in person
- Providing free publications for victims of alcohol-related crashes (some of them are listed in this guide)
- Explaining how to obtain the crash report and the offender's driving record
- Informing you about drunk driving laws and victim rights in Texas
- Assisting you in obtaining and filling out an application for Crime Victims' Compensation
- Providing a list of professional counselors skilled in working with crash victims
- Offering victim support groups where you can meet other families who share your experience
- Accompanying you to court to offer support and to inform you about legal procedures
- Assisting you in preparing a Victim Impact Statement to present at the sentencing of the offender
- Informing you of your rights to assist with the development of conditions of probation if the offender does not go to prison
- Assisting in placement of a roadside memorial marker once case has been adjudicated
- Referring you to a list of civil attorneys skilled in handling wrongful death and personal injury cases
- Assisting you in preparing statements for parole hearings

Victims' Rights

Texas Crime Victims' Rights

A victim of violent crime is:

- someone who is the victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or who has suffered bodily injury or death because of the criminal conduct of another;
- the close relative (spouse, parent, adult brother or sister, or child) of a deceased victim; or
- the guardian of a victim.

These rights also apply to victims of juvenile crime, including victims who suffer property loss.

Victims of crime have the right to:

- Advance notification, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including cancellations and rescheduling;
- Information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide other types of assistance;
- Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department conducting the pre-sentencing investigation;
- Information, on request, about parole procedures, notification of parole proceedings and of the inmate's release, and the right to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to parole;
- Be present at all public court proceedings, with the presiding judge's consent;
- A safe waiting area at all public court proceedings;
- Prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence;
- Complete a Victim Impact Statement, detailing the emotional, physical, and financial impact of the crime on the victim and to have the statement considered by a judge at sentencing and by officials prior to the release of the offender(s).

For a complete listing of victims' rights in Texas, contact your local MADD office – see map for location.

Compensation Assistance

What is Crime Victims' Compensation?

Crime Victims' Compensation is a financial assistance program that helps eligible victims with certain expenses related to the crime. It is administered through the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

The Crime Victims' Compensation program is "the payer of last resort." Primary sources of payment may include health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, auto insurance or Texas Workers' Compensation.

Who Is Eligible?

- Victims who suffer bodily injury, death or emotional harm.
- U.S. residents who become victims of crime in Texas and Texas residents who become victims of crime in a state or country without comparable compensation.
- Family members of victims.
- People who legally or voluntarily assume expenses related to the crime.
- Peace officers and firefighters who are injured or killed during a crime.

To be eligible, the victim must not share responsibility for the crime, and must report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement and prosecution officials.

Costs That May Be Compensated

Reimbursement for property damage or loss is not an eligible expense. Approved claims may be awarded compensation for the following expenses:

- Medical, prescription and rehabilitation expenses
- Lost wages and travel costs incurred during the justice process and for seeking medical treatment related to the crime
- Mental health counseling for victims and family members
- Funeral expenses
- Loss of earnings or support
- Child care or dependent care
- Attorney fees for legal assistance in filing the application and in obtaining benefits
- Crime scene cleanup
- Replacement costs for items taken as evidence or made unusable as a result of the criminal investigation

To Apply For Compensation Assistance:

Call your local MADD office (see map for location); or

Call the Office of the Attorney General, Crime Victims' Compensation Division, at 1.800.983.9933.



MADD Brochures

MADD provides the following brochures, free of charge, through your local office:

(Contact your local office – see map for location)

Victim Information Pamphlet: *A Guide Through The Criminal Justice System*

Your Grief: *You're Not Going Crazy*

Loss, Pain & Healing: *A Parent's Guide to Grief*

Financial Recovery After A Drunk Driving Crash: *Tips For Handling Money Matters*

Someone You Know Drinks & Drives

Helping Children Cope with Death

Closed Head Injury: *A Common Complication of Vehicular Crashes*

Living With Burn Trauma

Rehabilitative Therapies

Living with Spinal Cord Injury

Don't Call Me Lucky: *For Those Injured by Drunk Drivers*

Men and Mourning: *A Man's Journey Through Grief*

We Hurt Too: *For Adult Siblings of Someone Killed*

How are You Feeling: *A Teen's Guide to Loss, Grief & Healing*

Unique Grief: *For Non-Family Bereaved Victims*

Every Child Deserves a Designated Driver

Selecting a Civil Attorney

Monday Mourning: *A Guide for Businesses when an Employee Becomes a Crash Victim*

Death At School: *A Guide For Teachers*

Other Resources

State Resources & Referral Numbers

Office of the Attorney General
Crime Victims' Compensation Division
1.800.983.9933

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Victim Services Division and Crime Victim Clearinghouse
(Offender/parole information)
1.800.848.4284

Accident Reports
contact the policing agency present at the scene or contact
the DPS Uniform Crime Reporting
512.424.7102

State Bar of Texas
Lawyer Referral Service
1.800.252.9690

Women's Advocacy Project
Legal Assistance
1.888.777.3247

Probation Information
Contact your county's Community Supervision and
Corrections Department

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
1.800.THE.TABC

Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
512.424.6700

Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
The Abuse Hotline (child endangerment)
1.800.252.5400

Texas Council on Family Violence, Inc.
1.800.525.1978

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1.800.799.7233

Texas Crime Stoppers
Office of the Governor
1.800.252.8477

Texas Department of Public Safety
Victim Services
512.424.5163

MADD Texas State Office
1.800.777.MADD (6233)
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You are *not* alone.

Our Mission

is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

Texas State Office

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Individual staff members may be reached at:
(first name).(last name}@madd.org

For Statistics & Information

Texas Website: www.madd.org/tx
National Website: www.madd.org

STATE / CENTRAL REGION

(Covering Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Burnet, Caldwell, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Milam, Mills, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson)

Austin Office (State Office)

1.800.777.6233
512.445.4976
fax: 512.445.4979
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Killeen Office (Grants and Victim Services Office)

254.690.6233
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EAST TEXAS REGION

(Covering Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Delta, Franklin, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Washington, and Wood)

Tyler Office (Regional Office)

1.888.665.6233
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Beaumont Office

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409.896.2245
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Bryan Office

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or contact your local office (see map), or visit our website at
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NORTH TEXAS REGION

(Covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Foard, Grayson, Hardeman, Haskell, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Johnson, Kaufman, Knox, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young)

Dallas Office (Regional Office)

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Waxahachie Office

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SOUTH TEXAS REGION

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San Antonio Office (Regional Office)

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Corpus Christi Office

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SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGION

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Houston Office (Regional Office)

1.800.261.6233
281.590.2222
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southeast.tx@madd.org

WEST TEXAS REGION

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