

# Victim Quick Response Program

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Victim Services of Durham Region  
and the VQRP is Funded By:

The Ministry of the Attorney General  
Ontario Victim Services Secretariat

**VQRP** is in your community...

- to provide assistance to a **VICTIM** in the immediate aftermath of a violent crime.
  - to lessen the impact of a violent crime by providing **QUICK** access to services to support victims.
  - in **RESPONSE** to meeting the safety needs of victims of violent crime.
  - an established government **PROGRAM**, under the Ministry of the Attorney General.
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"Victims of violent crime need effective and compassionate support in the immediate aftermath of a crime. That is why the government has established the Victim Quick Response Program."

# VICTIM QUICK RESPONSE PROGRAM

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*Responding to the most  
urgent needs of victims  
of violent crime.*

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VQRP can be accessed  
through the Victim Services of  
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## Why VQRP?

VQRP is designed to assist victims of the following crimes:

- HOMICIDE
- (ATTEMPT MURDER)
- SERIOUS PHYSICAL ASSAULT
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- HATE CRIMES

## What does VQRP provide?

Eligible victims may request funding for the following services:

### **Emergency Expenses:**

Secure premises for victim safety, provide emergency accommodation and meals, care for dependents, transportation costs or specialized crime scene cleanup services in the immediate aftermath of a crime.

### **Funeral Expenses:**

Reimburse eligible families of homicide victims.

### **Counselling:**

Help victims of serious crimes recover from their experience.

## Who may apply for VQRP?

A victim who is suffering from emotional and/or physical harm as a result of a crime is eligible to apply for these services if he or she:

- has reported a violent criminal code offense to a Police Service in the Province of Ontario

**OR**

- in cases of domestic violence or sexual assault to a hospital or community agency that provides support to these victims in the Province of Ontario
- is a resident of Ontario
- requests for service within 14 days of the crime
- is not charged in the offense
- has no other financial resources available to meet their needs, i.e. personal insurance, EAP, Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Program and has not previously received funds for the same offense.

## Who else can apply?

- an immediate family member applying on behalf of a victim
- the custodial guardian of a victim who is a minor child
- an individual with legal authority to act on behalf of a victim who has special needs.

## How can a victim access these services?

Victim Services of Durham Region has been designated to provide victims with access to the VQRP.

Victim Services has been in partnership with the Durham Regional Police, since 1998 and provides victims with police referred, on-scene emotional support and practical assistance.

For more information regarding Victim Services or the Victim Quick Response Program call **(905) 579-1520 ext. 1846** during regular business hours, Monday to Friday.