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Missing Child Alert by Attorney General Josh Kaul



Community awareness and assistance to law enforcement can be vital in the search for a missing person. Last year, the Missing Child Alert was launched, adding to the tools available for alerting the public to missing children.

The Missing Child Alert is having an impact. The first Missing Child Alert was issued in August of 2024. By mid-August 2025, a total of 17 Missing Child Alerts relating to 14 different children had been issued. Over the same time frame, 4 AMBER Alerts were issued in Wisconsin for 5 children.

Missing Child Alerts may be issued in cases that do not meet the criteria for the issuance of an AMBER Alert, the child at risk is either (1) under 10 years old or (2) under 18 years old and believed to be incapable of returning home without assistance due to a physical or mental condition or disability, and the following additional criteria are met: the child's location is unknown, it is within 72 hours of the child's disappearance, the child has been entered as missing into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and there is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the missing child.

Wisconsin DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation is the only entity that can issue a Missing Child Alert. If you have any questions about this alert, please email wisconsinclearinghouse@doj.state.wi.us.

Thank you to everyone who works to help bring missing people home safely.

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Division of Law Enforcement Services

Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues:

Each Law Enforcement Bulletin in 2025, the Division of Law Enforcement Services is highlighting one bureau. The September 2025 edition will highlight the Training & Standards Bureau:



The Training and Standards Bureau plays a vital role in supporting Wisconsin's law enforcement community through the development, administration, and oversight of professional training and certification programs. The Bureau is organized into two key sections: the **Certification Section** and the **Curriculum Section**, each with a specialized focus to ensure law enforcement personnel and agencies receive the guidance and resources they need to succeed.

The **Certification Section** oversees the processing of all basic and instructor certification applications, ensuring that every officer and instructor meets the rigorous standards established by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB). This team also conducts annual training audits to verify compliance, administers training reimbursements for both agencies and individuals, and manages tuition reimbursement for eligible academy students. To maintain accountability and quality, staff conduct academy compliance checks, maintain comprehensive training and certification records (Acadis), and manage the Bureau's website, www.wilenet.widj.gov as a resource hub for agencies and officers statewide.

The **Curriculum Section** is equally essential, maintaining the core curricula for law enforcement, jail, and secure juvenile detention training programs. In addition, this section is responsible for the instructor certification course curricula, ensuring that training remains current, relevant, and aligned with the highest professional standards.

Together, these two sections form the backbone of the Bureau's mission, serving as the professional staff that advises the LESB on matters of training, certification, and policy. The Bureau collaborates closely with instructors, subject matter experts, and advisory committees to continuously refine training programs and promote best practices. This partnership ensures that every agency under the LESB's umbrella is equipped with the knowledge and tools to serve their communities with professionalism, integrity, and skill.

To implement our mission, the Training and Standards Bureau:

- Provides funding and resources for training initiatives.
- Administers basic recruit training for law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention officers.
- Develops, coordinates, and supports professional development for law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention officers.
- Maintains and enforces the certification standards for law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention officers established by LESB.
- Collaborates with advisory committees and criminal justice training professionals in developing and delivering LESB-certified curriculum.
- Maintains and enforces training and certification standards for instructors and training academies established by the LESB.

- Promotes and provides timely and accurate training, record, reimbursement, and reference information for law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention officers.

Values:

- Integrity – We value personal integrity and professional ethics to guide all our decisions.
- Excellence – We value high quality training, professional development, and customer service.
- Innovation – We value innovative theories, techniques and technology in pursuing our objectives.
- Collaboration – We value partnerships and collaborations that enhance professional and personal development

Bureau leadership:

Ronald Betley – Bureau Director
ronald.betley@wisdoj.gov

Dana Vike – Certification and Compliance Staff Supervisor

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Please have a safe summer!

Stay healthy and safe!

Mark A. Rather, Administrator
Division of Law Enforcement Services



WILENET

DRUG TAKE BACK NEWS

NATIONAL
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
TAKE BACK DAY



The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will conduct a statewide **Drug Take-Back on October 25, 2025**. You may register to conduct a one-day drug take-back event and/or to turn over drugs collected in your permanent drop box for disposal.

All disposal boxes requested during registration will be provided by the DEA. You should expect to receive your boxes and liners no later than October 20, 2025. Contact Vicki Wright at the DEA for more information about disposal boxes and liners.

Email: Victoria.L.Wright@dea.gov

Phone: (w) 571-362-0463

Only law enforcement agencies may register to participate. One registration per department allowed.

Wisconsin Ranks Number ONE in the Nation During Spring Drug Take Back Collection

The Wisconsin Department of Justice announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the spring of 2025 Drug Take Back. Wisconsin collected 56,818 lbs. of unwanted medications this past spring.



Registration deadline is September 26, 2025

<https://wisdoj.cventevents.com/dtboct2025>

While Drug Take Back Day only happens twice a year, any day can be Drug Take Back Day at one of Wisconsin's more than 500 permanent drug disposal boxes. These boxes are accessible year-round at law enforcement agencies, hospitals, pharmacies and health clinics. To find a permanent drug disposal box near you, go to:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm>

Basic Peer Support Training Program



Wisconsin 2023 Act 220

Wisconsin DOJ worked with legislators for several years to create a bill that included privileged communication for peer supporters. On March 29, 2024 the Governor signed it into law. *"I'm thankful that this legislation has now been enacted. As you are acutely aware, law enforcement officers regularly must face difficult and sometimes tragic circumstances. Wellness initiatives such as peer support programs can improve officers' wellbeing, officer retention, and public safety."* wrote AG Josh Kaul.

The new law, [2023 Wisconsin Act 220](#), requires DOJ to create and implement a program for the establishment of peer support teams and critical incident stress management services teams and to organize a training program that will be required for membership on a peer support team. Law enforcement agencies will then be permitted to establish peer support teams and critical incident stress management services teams whose members can be designated as team members under the statute if the agency has developed written guidelines for the team and its members and complies with other relevant rules. In order to qualify as a peer support team member under the statute, an individual must attend a peer support training program provided by DOJ or a credentialed health care provider.



While the effective date of the new law was March 29, 2024, DOJ will need to promulgate administrative rules detailing procedures for the establishment of peer support and critical incident stress management services teams and the designation of individuals as team members. This process takes some time, and we will keep you updated as it moves forward.

The Administrative Rules have been drafted and were released for public review in August. At this stage we are drafting the Economic Impact statement that will go along with the Administrative Rules to be reviewed by Legislative Council Staff.

Please stay tuned to Wilenet for all updates related to this legislation:

[WI DOJ Statewide Peer Support | WILENET](#)

Basic Peer Support Training Program



Basic Regional Peer Support Training Program

Through the US Department of Justice's COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Funds grant, the Wisconsin Department of Justice is working to establish a basic peer support program to include an instructor cadre, curriculum and a training program for our state.

We are pleased to provide the basic peer support training to allow for every Wisconsin agency to have an officer experienced in peer support.

Topics Include:

- Peer support resources
- Confidentiality
- Ethics
- Communication skills
- Breaking the stigma
- Practicing self-care
- Grief management
- Recognizing behaviors associated with suicide
- Substance use and abuse
- Building and maintaining a peer support team

Advanced Peer Support Training Program

We are now pleased to offer an Advanced Peer Support one day course which will take a deeper dive into the topics you requested.

Those include:

- Vetting Resources
- Team Building
- Culture Shift in your Agency
- Positive Psychology
- Scenarios...scenarios...scenarios - on a wide variety of issues you encounter with your team.

Please register to attend any of the courses offered at any of the locations that fit your agencies schedules.

Who Should Attend: First Responders including Law Enforcement, Jail Officers, Juvenile detention officers, Dispatchers, Chaplains, Fire/EMS and civilian agency staff members who support your staff and peer teams.

Cost: Registration is **FREE**, lunch is on your own.

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Office of Crime Victim Services

Beyond Sexual Assault: Why Medical-Forensic Exams Strengthen Victim Care and Investigations

By Susie Kanack, BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P

Forensic Nurses: Your Partners in Justice

Forensic Nurses — also called Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) — are more than medical professionals. They are trained partners in the criminal justice process. While they are best known for collecting high-quality evidence in sexual assault cases, their expertise benefits investigations across **all crimes of violence**, including:

- Domestic violence
 - Child abuse and neglect
 - Human trafficking
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Medical Care That Supports the Investigation

Crimes of violence don't just leave behind evidence — they leave behind **medical and psychological consequences**. Forensic Nurses provide trauma-informed care that addresses both:

- **Immediate needs:** treating injuries, preventing infection, providing emergency contraception.

Long-term impact: recognizing depression, PTSD, and other conditions that can affect whether a victim stays engaged in the criminal justice process.

Research shows victims are more likely to remain engaged in investigations and prosecutions when their medical needs are met by a Forensic Nurse Examiner.

Building Stronger Cases

When law enforcement teams up with forensic nurses, cases are stronger:

- **More complete documentation:** forensic exams capture injuries, evidence, and victim statements in a thorough, court-ready way.

Office of Crime Victim Services

Expert testimony: Forensic Nurse Examiners can explain medical findings, injury patterns, and trauma responses to judges and juries in terms they understand.

Credibility: a victim-centered response demonstrates professionalism and compassion, which builds community trust in law enforcement.

A Call to Law Enforcement Leaders

The Office of Crime Victim Services provides comprehensive in-person training three times a year for healthcare professionals preparing to specialize in medical forensics. Part of this training focuses on the role of law enforcement in the multidisciplinary team (MDT/SART) response.

We are seeking law enforcement presenters to share their expertise with healthcare professionals statewide. Your perspective is critical to building strong partnerships.

Interested? Contact: Susie Kanack at susan.kanack@wisdoj.gov



Humane Officer Training Offered September 22-26 in Madison

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2025

Contact: Molly Mueller, Public Information Officer, (608) 910-1929

molly.mueller@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites those seeking appointment as humane officers and certified law officers seeking training in handling animal welfare complaints to join DATCP for the 2025 Humane Officer Training Program. Registration is now open for [Annual Humane Officer Training](#), scheduled for September 22-26, 2025 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in [Madison](#).

This intensive 40-hour course, hosted in partnership with the University of Missouri-Extension Law Enforcement Training Institute, provides humane officers with the knowledge and skills they need to investigate animal abuse, enforce animal welfare laws, and support public health initiatives.

Course participants will learn:

- Laws and legal authority
- Search and seizure procedures
- Investigating animal crimes
- Recognizing animal abuse and neglect
- The link between domestic violence and animal abuse
- Evidence collection and forensic documentation

Led by experienced veterinarians, attorneys, and law enforcement professionals, the training is mandatory for all humane officers in Wisconsin within their first year of appointment.

Humane officers play a critical role in local communities by responding to complaints of neglect, assisting with public health programs, and ensuring responsible pet ownership through education and enforcement. In Wisconsin, any non-law enforcement person serving as a humane officer must be appointed by the governing body of a local jurisdiction. Humane officers provide a critical service to local jurisdictions by having the authority to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect. In addition to responding to animal welfare complaints, humane officers can assist in enforcing pet licensing requirements, animal cruelty statutes, and rabies control, as well as seek subpoenas, issue citations, and request prosecution. In many cases, education is all that is necessary, and the humane officer will work with animal owners to help them improve animal care and avoid charges.

For full details about the upcoming training or to register, visit

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HumaneOfficerTraining.aspx.

For more information on DATCP's Humane Officer Program, visit

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HumaneOfficers.aspx.

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Find more DATCP news in our [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

Division of Forensic Sciences



October 1 and October 2, 2025
8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Please register for the 6th Annual Wisconsin Crime Lab Symposium!

This year's Symposium will be **VIRTUAL** and **FREE**!

Some presentations this year include:



- Recent case rulings affecting Forensic Science
- Wisconsin Case Studies
- Technological Advancement in Forensics

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Judges
- Attorneys
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- YOU!

Register to Attend: <https://wisdoj.cventevents.com/dfs2025symposium>

Questions?

Contact the Symposium Committee: symposiumDFS@doj.state.wi.us

Registration Questions?

Contact Event Manager, Stacy Lenz at Stacy.Lenz@wisdoj.gov.

STRONGER TOGETHER: ADVANCING WISCONSIN'S RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

2025 WISCONSIN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

This conference moves beyond foundational concepts through interactive learning, case studies, and cross-agency collaboration sessions led by veteran practitioners in the field. Open to law enforcement, victim advocates, social workers, healthcare professionals, corrections professionals, and prosecutors. Participants will leave equipped with practical tools to enhance their daily work in trafficking prevention, identification, intervention, and survivor support.



October 6-8, 2025



10/6: 11:30am - 4:30pm

10/7: 8:00am - 4:00pm

10/8: 8:00am - 12:00pm



Sheraton Milwaukee
Brookfield Hotel
375 S. Moorland Rd.
Brookfield, WI 53005

REGISTER NOW!



<https://wisdoj.cventevents.com/HT2025>

Registration closes September 21st or once capacity is reached!

The website link above and QR code can be used to register.

See the website for additional conference details.

Featured Speaker: Marti MacGibbon is an internationally recognized author, speaker, and expert on trauma recovery and resilience. Drawing from powerful personal experiences, she has become a trusted voice in advocacy, consulting for federal agencies and contributing to influential policy and academic work. Her award-winning memoirs and creative initiatives—such as a stand-up comedy benefit for recovery—highlight her commitment to healing, empowerment, and inspiring change.





5th ANNUAL SUMMIT

*Best Practices and Practical
Tips for Enhancing the
Collaborative Response to
Domestic Violence*



October 27-28, 2025

Heidel House Resort and Conference Center
Green Lake, WI

An event designed to build collaboration among the disciplines supporting the victims of domestic violence. Sessions & Speakers that will enhance your skills to understand trauma-informed and victim centered approaches to investigating domestic violence cases.

Who should attend: Law Enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists and other community collaborators.

Cost to Attend: \$75.00

5.0 CLE credits for attorneys - noted in agenda.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



WISCONSIN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY
DECEMBER 9-10, 2025



Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
375 S Moorland Rd | Brookfield, WI 53005

TOPICS

- Behavioral Threat Assessment Units: A Guide for State and Local Law Enforcement to Prevent Targeted Violence
- Transnational Gang Threat
- Violent Extremism
- 764: The Intersection of Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sub-national influence operations in WI

AND MORE!

(Topics subject to change)

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



Wisconsin Department of Justice Career Development Programs

New Chiefs & Sheriffs Training Week Ingleside Resort & Conference Center January 12-16, 2026

All newly appointed police chiefs and sheriffs are invited to attend the Department of Justice's annual New Chiefs and Sheriffs Training seminar. This program is geared specifically to meet the needs of new chief executives as they transition into their role as an agency leader. There is also a virtual option to join this training for second in command staff.

[REGISTER](#)

Leadership in Police Organizations

Our most popular training course, 3 weeks of Leadership development focused on training leaders at all levels of the organization.

Dodge County Sherif	<i>Dates to be determined Spring 2026</i>	Coming Soon
UW Eau Claire	<i>Dates to be determined Spring 2026</i>	Coming Soon

First Line Supervisor

A two week course for newly appointed or current supervisors. This course also offers virtual seats to attend remotely by zoom.

To be determined	<i>Dates to be determined Spring 2026</i>	Coming Soon
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A Stronger Future:

How Northwood Tech Builds Fit, Ready Officers

At Northwood Technical College, the Rice Lake Campus Law Enforcement 720 Academy is taking an innovative approach to physical fitness. While the campus doesn't have a dedicated gym, that hasn't stopped instructors from delivering high-quality training. Thanks to a strong partnership with Hybrid Farm – CrossFit Rice Lake, students are gaining more than just physical strength — they're developing confidence, discipline, and the endurance needed for a successful career in law enforcement.

This partnership began in 2020 when trainers Laurie Gargulak and Phil Grassmann saw an opportunity to do something different. They recognized that the functional, real-world style of CrossFit could help students not only meet the physical standards required to graduate but also prepare them for the physical demands of the job. Together with Rob Avery, owner of Hybrid Farm and a certified CrossFit Level 2 Trainer, they built a program tailored specifically for academy students.

“Law enforcement, military, firefighters, and EMS professionals have always been a strong part of the CrossFit community,” Avery said. “Helping these students get stronger and ready for the job just made sense.”

CrossFit is known for its constantly varied workouts that focus on functional movements — like lifting, running, and jumping. At Hybrid Farm, these workouts are designed to reflect the real-life challenges officers face in the field. Each session can be scaled to meet individual fitness levels, making the program accessible to everyone, regardless of their starting point.

Training begins with an introduction to the facility and a focus on foundational movements such as squats, presses, and deadlifts. From there, students progress through workouts that are intense and engaging. The variety keeps students motivated and mirrors the unpredictable nature of law enforcement work.

Training Partner News, continued

The program is designed to be flexible. Full-time academy students train twice a week, while part-time students meet once a week and receive additional workouts they can complete at home with minimal equipment. Every session is led by at least two certified fitness instructors, including local law enforcement professionals like Steve Roux from the Rice Lake Police Department and Phil Grassmann from the Rusk County Sheriff's Department.



This program is more than just passing a test. It's about building a lifestyle of fitness, resilience, and readiness. Students leave the academy physically stronger, more confident and better prepared for the demands of the job.

Northwood Tech and Hybrid Farm are proud of the program they've built and are committed to its continued growth. It's a powerful example of how innovation and community partnerships can shape the future of law enforcement — one strong, capable recruit at a time.





Wisconsin Department of Justice has developed a 15-hour virtual learning course for law enforcement on “Sexual Assault Response Best Practices for First Responding Officers.” Training material and instructions will be delivered via an online learning platform that provides for synchronous learning and participation, including small group and large group discussion.

Participants will register for two days of training, each day for a total of 7.5 hours of learning. Day one will cover modules 1-4, and day two will cover modules 5-8. The scheduled training sessions will be facilitated by a team of trainers, including DOJ staff, community-based advocates, and local law enforcement. External collaborators have demonstrated advanced knowledge of the best practices for the investigation of sexual assaults, as well as an ability to effectively train officers using appropriate adult learning methods. DOJ’s VAWA Resource Prosecutor, within the Division of Law Enforcement Services, will facilitate the 15 hours of training with other members of the team joining as scheduled.

For each module, participants will be introduced to the learning objectives and materials through self-guided activities allowing for processing of the various content. Participants will come together in scheduled large group discussions throughout the day to collaborate and review lessons learned.

There is no cost to attend this course - funding is provided by a federal grant.

COURSE OUTLINE:

MODULE 1 - OVERCOMING GENDER BIAS IN SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS

MODULE 2 - SEXUAL ASSAULT DYNAMICS AND THE IMPACT ON SURVIVORS

MODULE 3 - IMPACT OF TRAUMA

MODULE 4 - MINIMAL FACTS INTERVIEWING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM BY THE FIRST RESPONDING OFFICER

Register for one of our upcoming dates

MODULE 5 - SCENE IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION

Sept 15-16, 2025 [REGISTER](#)

MODULE 6 - WITNESS INTERVIEWS

MODULE 7 - REPORT WRITING

MODULE 8 - TESTIFYING IN A SEXUAL ASSAULT TRIAL

And check out the Supervisor Course

Sept 25-26, 2025 [REGISTER](#)

Attendee Feedback:
A perfect mix, was able to stay very engaged with a great mix of learning.
Loved the lessons learned from the victim’s story.
Expert instructors!!

More classes will be coming out for the spring of 2026. Check wilenet for dates!

Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Training Courses

Conducting Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigations

FREE training for law enforcement, advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists, and other community collaborators.

This interactive training will combine lecture, group activities, and discussion to explore:

- Trauma– informed interviews
- Forensic experiential trauma interview techniques
- Offender accountability
- Multidisciplinary response
- Biological role in the trauma response
- Identifying corroborating evidence

Nov 11-13, 2025

Baraboo PD

[REGISTER](#)

Jan 21-23, 2026

Rock County

[REGISTER](#)

Class Times: 8 AM to 4:30 PM each day. Lunch is on your own.

Days 2 and 3 for law enforcement only.

Cost to attend: FREE

Investigating Domestic Violence: Upping Your Game with Current Best Practices

The potential for lethality present in domestic violence cases for the victim, victim's family, community members and law enforcement dictates a deeper understanding of the dynamics of these complex cases. Responses from law enforcement, advocates, medical providers and prosecutors should emphasize safety and options for the victim. Gaining offender accountability requires more advanced approaches to investigation that build a solid case for prosecution. In this FREE two-day training, using live presentations, videos, small and large group discussions and activities, case studies and interactive activities participants will develop practical tools for more effectively responding to these complex and dangerous situations.

Topics will include:

- Complex and evolving dynamics of power and control
- The impact of trauma and trauma-informed responses
- Identification of the predominant aggressor
- Investigating context and developing corroboration to advance prosecutable cases when a victim is unable to participate
- Lethality assessment, collaboration and connection to victim services
- Strangulation signs and symptoms and documentation
- Stalking investigations and their connection to domestic violence
- Writing excellent reports for DV cases, including a report-writing practicum

Oct 15-16, 2025

Northwood
Tech—Ashland

[REGISTER](#)

Class Times: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM each day. Lunch is on your own.

The Crime Victim Compensation Program

Who is eligible?

- A person who is injured or killed as a result of a compensable crime
- A person who is injured or killed while attempting or succeeding in:
 - ◊ Preventing a crime/aiding law enforcement,
 - ◊ Apprehending an offender of a crime, or
 - ◊ Aiding a victim of a compensable crime
- Compensable crimes are listed in Wis. Stat. §949.03(1)(b)- see reverse side
- Victim must have suffered actual bodily harm, or mental/psychological trauma.
- Examples:
 - ◊ A person who has been physically assaulted
 - ◊ A person who reports a sexual assault
 - ◊ A victim of domestic violence
 - ◊ A family member, domestic partner, or someone who resides with a homicide victim
 - ◊ A person who was victimized as a child and is now an adult.

What can CVC pay for?

- Medical expenses
- Dental expenses
- Mental health for both victims and parents of minor victims
- Net lost wages for victims, parents of minor victims and family/household members of homicide victims
- Loss of support
- Caregiver services
- Clothing/bedding held as evidence
- Computer/mobile phone held as evidence
- Property destroyed by crime lab testing
- Securing/cleaning of a crime scene
- Funeral/burial expenses

The maximum benefit per claim is \$40,000.

Property loss or damage is not covered other than those items described above. The victim must have suffered a physical injury or mental/psychological trauma.

What makes a claim ineligible?

- The victim engaged in conduct which substantially caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The victim committed a crime that caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The incident was not reported to law enforcement within 5 days of the crime or within 5 days of when the crime could reasonably have been reported*
- The application is not filed with the program within one year of the date of the crime*
- The victim does not cooperate with law enforcement, through prosecution.
 - However, criminal charges do not have to be filed; a crime victim can still apply and be found eligible.

*Note that these timelines may be waived in certain instances, particularly if the application involves a child or vulnerable adult.

*Exceptions also apply to adults that were victimized as children.

Examples:

- A victim who does not cooperate with the investigation or prosecution
- A victim who is injured or killed while engaged in an illegal drug transaction
- A victim whose wallet has been stolen

How do victims apply?

- Victims can call the toll free line at **1-800-446-6564** to have an application sent to them
- The application can also be accessed on the website: www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs

The program does not cover property crime, property loss, legal fees, or stolen money or prescriptions.

Law enforcement is required by statute to provide information about crime victims' rights, including information about the Crime Victim Compensation Program, to all victims.



Division of Criminal Investigation



Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Victim Services Program

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation now offers state-wide ICAC-focused victim services support. DCI recently expanded programming to help victims and families navigate the overwhelming complexities of the criminal justice system and address the unique needs victims of technology facilitated crimes experience.

The victim services team provides support to both youth and adult survivors of technology facilitated crimes. Our services include, but are not limited to, on-scene response with law enforcement during interviews and search warrants, follow-up support throughout the criminal justice process, referrals to local and national resources, and prevention education to parents, teachers, and other community partners working with children.

On the next page is an ICAC victim services brochure which can be shared with your staff and distributed to victims and families as an additional resource. Also attached is a one-page ICAC victim services reference sheet which can be distributed amongst your agency for awareness of the program.

For more information about our program or to contact us about a referral, please email us at ICACServices@doj.state.wi.us.

Resources

WI DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services Homepage

[Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Victim Services](#)

WI ICAC Homepage

[Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\)](#)

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

www.missingkids.org/

Content Removal

www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline

VINE Link: Victim Notification Network

www.vinelink.com/#state-election

2.1.1: Comprehensive Source for Local Social Services

www.211.org/



Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Victim Service Support

The Division of Criminal Investigation ICAC Task Force victim services team is available to support law enforcement agencies during any stage of an ICAC investigation. We support children, non offending parents/guardians, and adults who are survivors of childhood abuse.



On-Scene Response

Our victim services team is available to respond on-scene during search warrants and interviews. The victim service specialists can provide crisis intervention, answer questions regarding victim rights and the criminal justice system, and assist with safety planning.



Follow-Up Support

Our team provides emotional support throughout the criminal justice system, makes referrals to local resources (mental health, confidential victim service agencies, legal support, etc.), helps coordinate forensic interviews, and assists victims with applying to eligible programs.



Image Removal Assistance

Victims and survivors have reported revictimization and long-term impacts from their CSAM images and videos being circulated on the internet. Our team can help survivors and their families with the process of removing these images from the internet.



Education

The victim services team provides education to children, families, community members, and professionals to help promote healthy conversation and discussion about online safety and supporting children who have experienced online exploitation or abuse.

To make a referral or to contact the victim services team,
please email ICACServices@doj.state.wi.us



Protect Wisconsin's Seniors, Report Elder Abuse.

Elder Abuse can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or financial. It can also be intentional or unintentional neglect. Unfortunately, Elder Abuse is a growing problem in Wisconsin, negatively impacting the lives of our senior citizens and their families.

In fact, Wisconsin's population of seniors 65 and older is projected to increase by more than 70% in the next 20 years. That's why all Wisconsinites share the responsibility to help protect our senior citizens by recognizing and reporting any signs of Elder Abuse.

If you feel that you are a victim of Elder Abuse or you believe it has been inflicted upon someone you know or love, REPORT IT!



Call the Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline

1-833-586-0107

or visit [ReportElderAbuseWI.org](https://www.ReportElderAbuseWI.org)

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Law Enforcement Employment Opportunities

Please visit the Department of Justice WILENET webpage at [Employment Opportunities | WILENET](#)

You will find the most up-to-date Law Enforcement Employment Opportunities across the state located here.

Quarterly Newsletter

Are you missing the newsletter in your inbox?

Email us at:
trainingevents@doj.state.wi.us
to be added to the email list to
receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter.



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