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Emerging and Evolving Online Threats Teens Face Today by Wisconsin Department of Justice

Teens face a variety of dangers online, including safety threats from sadistic online exploitation and sextortion. The Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force monitors emerging and evolving online threats and can assist local law enforcement agencies that may receive reports on these types of cases. We also know that prevention is one of our strongest tools for keeping our kids and our communities safe. We hope you will review the information on these threats and consider ways that your law enforcement agency can help raise public awareness.

According to the Online Child Exploitation Prevention Initiative, sadistic online exploitation occurs when offenders target children and persuade, induce, entice, or coerce them into recording themselves engaging in various types of degrading, humiliating, and violent acts.

The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force defines sextortion as a form of sexual exploitation where the offender threatens to release compromising material of the victim unless the victim sends money, gift cards, and/or additional sexual content, or engages in sexual activity. Sextortion is a growing problem right here in Wisconsin and across the country.

Wisconsin DOJ released a public service announcement about sextortion in December 2025 that anyone can use and share. Please reach out to dojcommunications@doj.state.wi.us if you need any assistance with sharing the PSA on your agency's social media accounts. The Online Child Exploitation Prevention Initiative recently released information and resources on sadistic online exploitation and sextortion.

Below are tips provided by the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force for teens and parents.

Tips For Teens Who May Be Victims of Sextortion

- Remember, it's not your fault!
- It's never too late to get help. Tell a parent or trusted adult right away.
- Do not pay money or comply with the blackmailer's requests.
- Report the account through the platform's safety feature.
- Block the suspect, but DO NOT DELETE the messages or your profile to preserve potential evidence for law enforcement.
- Report the crime to law enforcement or at [cybertipline.com](https://www.cybertipline.com).

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Emerging and Evolving Online Threats Teens Face Today Continued:

Tips for Parents

Open communication is the best way parents can help protect kids online. It's important for parents to have regular conversations with their kids about potential online dangers, as well as their kids' online activity. It's important that kids feel comfortable going to a trusted adult if they encounter any questionable or dangerous activity online.

The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force offers a podcast and monthly newsletter for the public on internet related safety information. You can check out the Protect Kids Online podcast at <https://www.wisdoj.gov/Pages/PublicSafety/protect-kids-online-podcast.aspx> and register for the newsletter at [Wisconsin Department of Justice - Wisconsin ICAC Task Force Community/Parent Newsletter](https://www.wisdoj.gov/Pages/Wisconsin%20Department%20of%20Justice%20-%20Wisconsin%20ICAC%20Task%20Force%20Community/Parent%20Newsletter). Additional resources can be found on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website <https://www.missingkids.org/home>.

For further information or assistance, please contact icac@wisdoj.gov.



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Division of Law Enforcement Services

Dear Law Enforcement Partners,

Happy Spring...looks like we can safely say another winter is behind us. Over the last few issues, we have introduced and shared all the great services that DLES has to offer. As a reminder, if you need assistance with things like criminal histories, ACADIS, grants or WIBRS, to name a few, remember our team at DLES is here for you.



I wanted to also highlight some of the current projects that DLES has been involved in. These include migrating the TIME system TRAIN to ACADIS, web accessibility compliance, Law Enforcement Standards Board Administrative Code update, Act 58 data sharing grant, and finalizing the rules for Peer Support. We appreciate your support as this important work continues.

Congratulations to those who participated in the April Drug take Back. Again, Wisconsin was #1 in the nation for collection of unused medications. Let's partner again to make the October 2026 Drug Take Back just as successful. If you have questions, please contact Danielle Long: longdb@doj.state.wi.us

Finally, the Crime Information Bureau Conference registration is now open! It will be at the KI Convention Center and Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, September 9-11, 2026. Please register in the "Training and Conferences" tab in WILENET or click on the CIB Conference website link below. We look forward to seeing you there!

[CIB Conference Website](#)



Remember, we at DLES are here to support you and your agency with all your law enforcement needs. Thank you for the work you do! Please reach out to me if you have questions for the Department of Justice but are uncertain who to contact. I would be glad to help you find the right person to answer your questions: mark.rather@wisdoj.gov
Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

~ Mark A. Rather ~ Administrator Division of Law Enforcement Services

Law Enforcement Standards Board

Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues:

I want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Cara Kamke, and I am the new Training & Standards Bureau director. I've spent my entire fourteen-year career working in public service and serving as a conservation warden at the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Before transitioning to the WI Department of Justice (DOJ), I was the DNR's training director overseeing their conservation warden hiring process and statewide training programs, including two in-house law enforcement academies, recertification curriculum, and professional development programs. I am honored to join DOJ and build on Wisconsin's long history of being at the forefront of policing standards.



The Law Enforcement Standards Board and Training & Standards Bureau have a lot of projects going on, and I want to take this opportunity to give you some updates.

- **Physical Readiness Test (PRT).** In December 2025, the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) voted in favor of the DOJ submitting a Request for Information (RFI) to gather more information about the potential costs to conduct a job task analysis of the physical abilities needed to safely participate in the law enforcement academy, and a task analysis of the abilities needed to safely perform the duties of a Wisconsin law enforcement officer and develop appropriate physical testing for the necessary physical abilities to enter the law enforcement academy and perform the duties of a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin. The RFI was drafted and posted in April 2026. We are now reviewing the information and determining next steps.
- **LES 1-9 Admin Code.** LESB has begun a rulemaking process for administrative code chapters LES 1-6 and 9. These administrative rules reflect the Wisconsin officer recruitment standards, certification procedures, training standards, reimbursement processes and decertification processes. Training and Standards is currently in the drafting phase. If you have suggestions, ideas or concerns, please reach out to me at the contact information provided below.
- **Defensive Tactics.** The new defensive tactics curriculum for the jail, juvenile detention and law enforcement academies has been approved by the LESB and will be implemented in all academies beginning in 2027. In 2026, all DAAT, POSC or DT instructors need to complete an instructor transition course before the end of the calendar year. This transition course is required and is not a substitute for the required triennial instructor update available through Acadis. Instructors are encouraged to enroll in a class early and contact their local academy if they are not seeing any transition courses.
- **SFST Instructor Update.** In FY27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027), LESB-certified SFST instructors will be required to attend an in-person SFST instructor update. These courses

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will be approximately 4 hours in length and will be required for all SFST instructors to maintain their certification.

This update is in addition to the triennial instructor updates available through Acadis.

- **Train to Acadis.** After a lot of hard work and dedication, the TIME system training modules, which were previously hosted on the TRAIN website are now available on the WI Acadis portal. We are hopeful this transition offers a better user experience on a platform that officers are familiar with. For agencies that are new to Acadis, this transition will come with a learning curve. Training and Standards is working on developing user guides to help new users navigate these new processes. We appreciate your patience as we work through supporting the influx of new Acadis portal users.

Lastly, I wanted to highlight an area Training and Standards receives a lot of questions on – New Officer Employment. Here are some quick reminders:

- Fingerprints that are sent to CIB for CJIS Security or an agency's criminal history check cannot be shared with Training and Standards.
- Agencies must report the hiring of officers to the Training and Standards Bureau immediately upon hire and prior to the officer commencing employment, by completing the online DJ-LE-303 webform in the Wisconsin DOJ Acadis Portal.
- Along with completion of the 303 webform, electronic submission of fingerprints must be submitted to Training and Standards, using reason code LESB. If electronic fingerprinting is not possible, the completed fingerprint card must be mailed to Training and Standards Bureau, PO Box 7070, Madison, WI 53707-7070.
- Fingerprint cards are not retained. Training and Standards conducts a criminal history check on all officers prior to recommending them for certification to the LESB and before transitioning primary employers.
- Electronic submission of fingerprints to Training and Standards is preferred and helps prevent delays in certification. If you are interested in learning more about how your agency can submit prints electronically, please reach out to us.

The Training and Standards Bureau appreciates our partnerships with law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention practitioners across the state and welcomes any feedback to ensure the policies and procedures remain current and relevant.

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Legal Update

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: NEW LAWS RELATING TO Sexual Assault AND Domestic Violence



The Wisconsin Legislature was busy in 2025, passing quite a number of new laws that criminalize behaviors being seen more frequently by law enforcement, increasing the statutes of limitations for several DV or SA-related offenses and otherwise positively impacting the consequences of domestic violence for victims. Below is a brief discussion of some of the most salient changes.

2025 WI Act 48

Wisconsin has criminalized the crime of sexual extortion in Sec. 942.095. It is now a felony to threaten to expose or to actually expose intimate images or to engage in coercion for sexual acts. Threats can be to injure property, reputation or safety of another or to distribute intimate representations of another, to coerce that person to engage in sexual conduct, provide intimate representations or provide money, property or services. Penalties range from a Class I felony for a general offense, Class G or H felonies for repeat offenders, child victims and injuries, and a Class B felony if the victim dies as a result of the sexual extortion (ie, by suicide). Law enforcement should be aware when interacting with teens and young adults in particular, taking a trauma-informed approach that avoids victim-blaming.

2025 WI Act 88: Grooming of a Child for Sexual Activity

This new offense is defined in Wis. Stat. Section 948.072 and is part of the crimes against children section of the Criminal Code. It is now a crime for a person to engage in a course of conduct, pattern of behavior or series of acts with the intention to condition, seduce, solicit, lure or entice a child for the purpose of engaging in sexual intercourse or contact or for involving the child in sexually explicit conduct. Acts that may be part of this course of conduct include verbal suggestions, inappropriate physical contact, written or digital communications, giving gifts, favors, privileges, attention or other items of value geared toward lowering the child's inhibitions, gain trust or create emotional dependence, isolating the child and using a computer to contact the child. Penalties range from Class G to D felonies, depending on the circumstances. Officers investigating these cases should develop facts relating to the progression of the acts as well as the emotional and psychological impact on the child of the grooming. Adult caregivers may also have been targeted by the offender to gain access and trust and this information can be helpful in proving the intent element. For additional research-based information on how offenders groom children, contact AAG Miriam Falk, Miriam.falk@wisdoj.gov.

Statute of Limitation Extensions

Effective March 8, 2026, the statute of limitations for Second Degree Sexual Assault was extended from 10 years to 20 years. This extension impacts how long sexual assault kits must be maintained and how long victims of these crimes may decide to report to law enforcement. Contact Susie.kanack@wisdoj.gov for more detailed information.

For crimes of Human Trafficking involving adult victims, the statute of limitations was increased to 10 years after the commission of the crime, effective December 11, 2025.

Legal Update, Continued:



Other Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence-Related Changes

Per 2025 WI Act 90, victims of certain crimes committed against them or their child may now terminate a tenancy. This change is helpful in combatting exploitation and manipulation by domestic violence offenders who use lease agreements to exert power and control over their victims and will also benefit sexual assault victims who want to move from a location that was the site of the assault.

This same act also extended immunity to victims or those who help a victim for certain underage alcohol offenses or certain controlled substance offenses if that person is seeking emergency assistance in connection with sexual assault crimes.

Last but not least: Communicable Disease Testing Available for Law Enforcement Upon Request

Effective March 22, 2026, district attorneys may apply for an order requiring that a person immediately submit to a test to detect communicable diseases. To make this application, probable cause must exist that an alleged act of the person constitutes a crime, that it carried a potential for transmitting a communicable disease to specified individuals including law enforcement officers, and that the act involved the person's blood, semen, vomit, saliva, urine or feces or other bodily substance. Additionally, the district attorney must have probable cause that having the person tested may prevent one of the named parties from experiencing bodily harm.

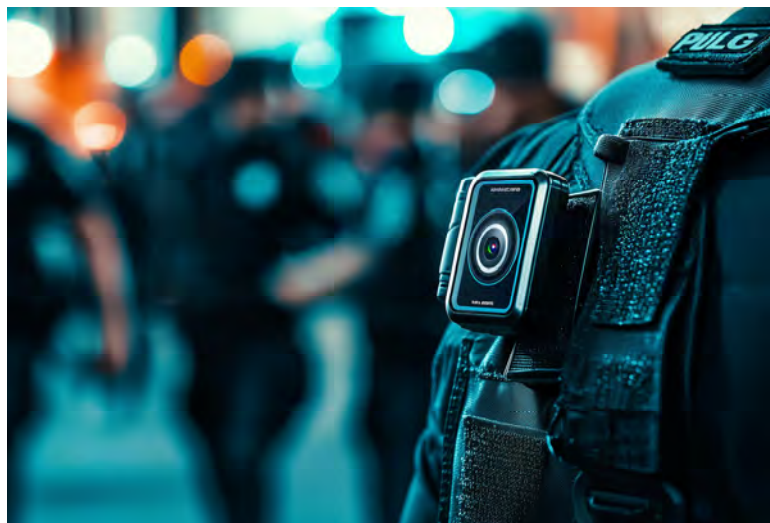
Finally, the protected person must ask the district attorney to apply for this order. If an officer experiences an individual who expels a bodily fluid onto them, the officer must request this testing of the district attorney. Agencies that do not have a policy involving the protocol an officer should follow in circumstances such as this will want to consider creating a policy with an eye toward providing clear direction so that officers obtain the protection and information available to them. See Wis. Stat. sec. 968.38(6).

Public Records Law

Body Cameras and Public Records

Body cameras provide many benefits to law enforcement. They also require careful attention to ensure compliance with the Wisconsin's Public Records Law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31 to 19.39., and records retention requirements.

The public records law is one of Wisconsin's sunshine laws, which helps ensure government accountability and transparency. It authorizes requesters to inspect or obtain copies of records created or maintained by authorities, including law enforcement agencies. Body camera audio and video recordings ("body camera data") are records subject to the right of public inspection and copying under the law.



Wisconsin Stat. § 165.87 governs law enforcement's use of body cameras. It includes provisions addressing the treatment of body camera data under the public records law. Like all records, body camera data is presumed to be public and open to inspection and copying. However, the body camera statute establishes that the public policy of the state is to maintain the privacy of record subjects who are (1) victims of sensitive or violent crimes; (2) minors; or (3) those in a location where they have a reasonable expectation of privacy. The law states that body camera data regarding such record subjects shall only be provided to a requester if the public interest in permitting access is so great as to outweigh this public policy. If it does not, the record subject's image and other identifiers must be redacted unless the record subject (or the parent or guardian of a minor record subject) does not object to the authority providing access.

In general, if an authority receives a request for a record in the authority's custody, it must fulfill or deny the request. An authority cannot simply inform a requester the record is available elsewhere. However, for body camera data, the statute makes an exception.

The law enforcement agency that used the body camera is the legal custodian of the body camera data. If any other authority has custody of any such body camera data, that authority is not the legal custodian of that data; if it receives a public records request for that data, it must deny any portion of the request that relates to that data. However, the statute does not prohibit an authority from releasing such body camera data when that data is part of a release of officer-involved death investigation records made pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 175.47(5)(b).

Wisconsin Stat. § 165.87 also includes provisions addressing retention of body camera data. For more information regarding records retention, redaction of records, and permissible fees associated with complying with public records requests, the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government (OOG) offers several open government resources at <https://www.wisdoj.gov/Pages/AboutUs/office-of-open-government.aspx>. The resources include a Wisconsin Public Records Law Compliance Guide, updated in June 2025.

Those with public records-related questions are invited to explore these resources or contact OOG at 608-267-2220 or opengov@widoj.gov.

Reporting Drug-Related Incidents

Form Coming Soon to TraCS

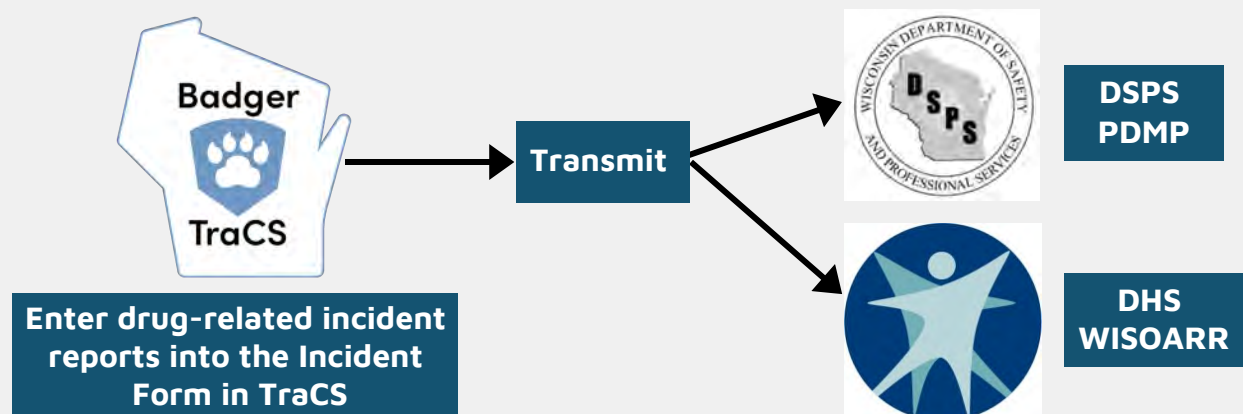
Overview

Law enforcement agencies are required by state statute §961.37 to report suspected opioid overdoses, in addition to diverted and stolen prescriptions, to the Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). To that end, a drug-related incident form has been built and embedded within Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Traffic and Criminal Software's (TraCS) Incident Form to ease the burden of meeting these statutory requirements for reporting. The form is anticipated to be released in the upcoming 2026 TraCS Fall Pack.

Where Does The Data Go?

Once the form is activated for use, drug-related incident reports will be transmitted to the following agencies:

DSPS	DHS
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to satisfy the law enforcement mandated reporting of suspected overdoses, diverted substances, and controlled substance theft to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in accordance with state statute §961.37.	Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to include law enforcement encountered suspected overdoses anonymously within the Wisconsin Suspected Overdose Alerts for Rapid Response (WISOARR) system for overdose alert monitoring and prevention efforts.



Program Contacts

Contact information for partner agencies in this effort is as follows:

WI DSPS PDMP: DSPPDMP@wisconsin.gov

WI DHS WISOARR Program: dhswoarr@dhs.wisconsin.gov

WI DOJ: Danielle Long, Drug Initiatives Advisor: longdb@doj.state.wi.us

Additional instructions, including webinars and informational materials will be released closer to the form's release.



WIBRS Did You Know?

Wisconsin Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

2026-Q2

Reviewing Your Agency's WIBRS Data

The WIBRS submission website has online reports all flat/text file reporting agencies can access! Please note: TraCS reporters will not be able to access these reports.

These reports are updated the next business day after a monthly file is submitted through the website. The Other Offense Counts tab includes counts for Hate Crimes, Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA), Justifiable Homicides, and Cargo Theft. Each count is hyperlinked and clicking on the links will take you to the Incident Details page, which provides more incident-level information.

Please be sure to check the Reports tab regularly and verify the counts displayed on the reports are accurate. These reports are available on the WIBRS submission website for flat/text file submitters: <https://ucr.wisdoj.gov/Home/Login>

The screenshot displays the WIBRS website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Submit Data', 'Reports', 'Resources', and 'Agency Info'. The 'Reports' tab is selected. Below the navigation, there are sub-tabs: 'Crime Counts', 'Crime History', 'Offense Comparisons', 'Other Offense Counts', and 'Incident Details'. The 'Other Offense Counts' sub-tab is active, showing a report for 'Test Agency 1, 0001'. The report includes a table of 'Yearly Other Offense Counts for Test Agency 1' for the years 2022 through 2026, along with an average for 2022-2025. A red circle highlights the count of 1 for Hate Crime in 2022. A red arrow points from this circle to the 'Incident Details' sub-tab, which is also shown in the screenshot. The 'Incident Details' sub-tab displays information for a specific incident, including the offense type (Hate Crime), incident number, offense code, and count. The incident details table shows a count of 1 for the offense in 2022.

Offense	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	*Average (2022-2025)
Hate Crime	1	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	1.00
LEOKA (13A)	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00
LEOKA (13B)	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00
LEOKA (09A)	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00
LEOKA (13C)	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00
Cargo Theft	0	I/M	I/M	I/M	I/M	0.00

Year	Offense Month	Incident Number	Offense Code	Offense	Offense Count	Victim Count	Additional Details
2022	1	00026000004	13B	Simple Assault	1	1	Anti-Female:

Questions? Reach out to us at:
statsanalysis@wisdoj.gov



ONDCP DRUG THREAT NOTICE:

Cychlorphine, a synthetic opioid involved in at least 55 deaths, has potential to spread across Nation

April 30, 2026

Pursuant to its authority to monitor evolving and emerging drug threats, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy has identified cychlorphine, a synthetic opioid, as a dangerous substance with the potential to spread across the Nation.

Key Information: Cychlorphine (N-Propionitrile Chlorphine) has been identified in the illicit drug supply in states covering all four U.S. Census regions, with the greatest prevalence in Ohio, Texas, and Tennessee. Cychlorphine is [up to ten times more potent than fentanyl](#) and an overdose may require multiple doses of naloxone. It can be found mixed in with fentanyl or drugs such as methamphetamine, bromazolam, cocaine, and others, and it has also been detected on its own. Cychlorphine belongs to a class of synthetic opioids called orphines, which includes brorphine, spirochlorphine, chlorphine, and others. **Cychlorphine is not detected by drug test strips or in routine hospital opioid urine screens.**

Where Is It?

In 2025, 106 reports of cychlorphine in the drug supply were identified in 10 states across all four U.S. Census regions, up from one report in 2024. Reports are most concentrated in the South, Midwest, and Northeast regions. The [Knox County Regional Forensic Center recently reported](#) that cychlorphine has been linked to at least 41 overdose deaths in Tennessee between July 2025 and February 2026. Nationally, 55 deaths have been linked to it between 2025 and 2026.

What Can I Do? EMS, clinicians, law enforcement, and the general public should:

- 1) Be Aware** of the prevalence of cychlorphine in the illicit drug supply.
- 2) Be Prepared** to treat opioid overdoses with extra doses of naloxone.
- 3) Seek Immediate Medical Care** for people who may be overdosing – **call 9-1-1.**

Resources: [CDC:](#) How to Recognize an Overdose.

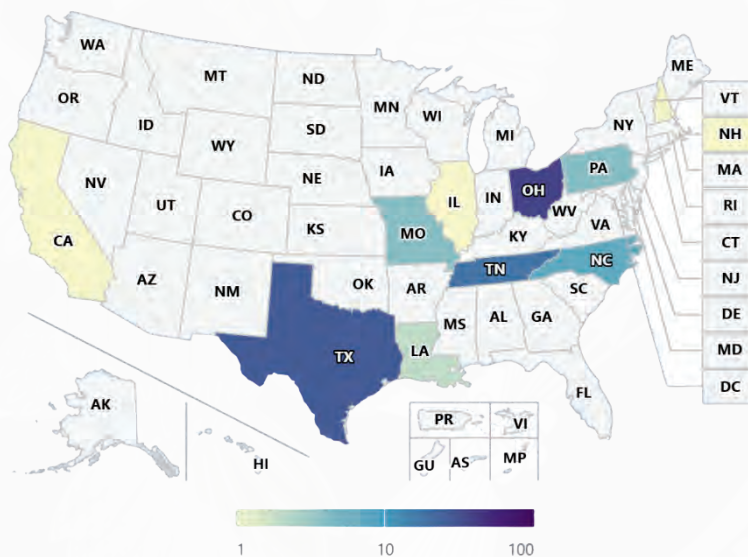
[CFSRE Advisory:](#) Increase in Fatal Overdoses Linked to Novel Synthetic Opioid N-Propionitrile Chlorphine (January 2026).

[Poison Center:](#) Call 1-800-222-1222 for advice if exposed to a potentially toxic substance.

[DEA TOX:](#) Clinicians can contact the DEA Toxicology Testing Program at deatox@dea.gov to request testing of clinical samples that are not explained by other testing.

About ONDCP Drug Threat Notices: The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy sets federal drug policy and tracks emerging drug threats. These products are intended to inform the medical, public health, and law enforcement communities, as well as the general public, about significant drug threats that may emerge in their communities. ONDCP's Emerging Drug Threats team closely monitors threats across the nation and shares actionable information when a substance rises to a concerning level.

Prevalence of Cychlorphine in Reports Submitted to the National Forensic Laboratory Information System, 2025



States in Which Cychlorphine Has Been Detected, January 2025 – December 2025. Map courtesy of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Forensic Laboratory Information System.

Basic Peer Support Training Program



**State of Wisconsin
Department of Justice
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Chapter Jus 22
Peer Support Teams and Critical Incident Stress Management Teams
Clearinghouse Rule **26-027****

Available at: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/misc/chr/lc_ruletext/cr_26_027_rule_text_filed_with_lc_clearinghouse.pdf

The Department of Justice announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to create ch. JUS 22 relating to peer support teams and critical incident stress management teams, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: May 26, 2026

Time: 11 am to 12 pm

Location: Zoom meeting at the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84973157141?pwd=1ltHBCSscH6Vik8YtEL1ADzQG8bEJP.1>

Or alternatively by phone: 305-224-1968

Meeting ID: 849 7315 7141

Passcode: 680095

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Accessibility

If you have special needs regarding communication or accessibility at the hearing, please contact Amanda Quester at (608)266-8690 or amanda.quester@wisdoj.gov, no later than May 19, 2026. Accommodations or language interpretation will be made available on request to the fullest extent possible.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and will be afforded the opportunity to make an oral presentation of their positions.

The rule may be reviewed and comments made at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/comment> no later than June 2, 2026.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1).

Agency Small Business Regulatory Coordinator

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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 and 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.

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

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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JUSTICE PROGRAMS
UNIT

Attendees will receive information on early system interventions and SRO best practices from State of Wisconsin and county agencies. There is no cost to attend the pre-conference.

Presenter and Agenda Topics:

WI DOJ- Juvenile Justice Programs Unit

Speakers: Jess Reindl and Matt Allord
Topic: Deflection at the Local Level

WI Department of Children and Families and Department of Public Instruction

Speakers: Alana Peck and Julie Incitti
Topic: Truancy: Wisconsin Statutes and Best Practices

La Crosse County System of Care and La Crosse Police Department

Speakers: Bridget Todd-Robins and Officer Jovanna Nedland
Topic: Youth System of Care: Investing in Early Intervention Services

WI DOJ- Office of School Safety / Kenosha Police Department

Speakers: Trisha Kilpin and Inspector Aaron Dillhoff
Topic: Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) in Action: School Threat Assessment Coalition of Kenosha

When: Monday June 8th,
2026 from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Hilton Appleton
Paper Valley – 333 W.
College Ave
Appleton, WI 54911

Registration:

https://wisdoj.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0dOuC8vFZlzOLBA



CIB Annual Conference



SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2026

Hyatt, Green Bay, WI

The CIB Conference is hosted by the WI Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services. The Crime Information Bureau is responsible for managing four state-wide programs: the Transaction Information for the Management of Enforcement (TIME) System; Wisconsin's criminal history repository, Handgun Hotline and Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) licenses.

Started in 1999, the CIB conference was created to provide critical training for law enforcement, dispatch and members of local government on topics including:

- Background checks & criminal history
- Firearms
- Time & Technical Unit
- Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS)
- TIME and ACADIS
- Peer Support
- Critical Incidents
- And much more...check out our agenda! [Link for Agenda](#)

Cost to Attend: \$200 for the full conference. Single day options are also available during the registration process.

Register Today: [Attendee Registration - CIB Conference 2026](#)

FEATURED SESSIONS



Stronger Hearts, Stronger Leaders - Fueling your Leadership



Controlling the Controllable - Lessons Learned from the Abundant Life School.

Division of Forensic Sciences

Milwaukee Crime Laboratory Is Moving!

Dear Criminal Justice Partner,

Please note we will be experiencing a change in operations due to the Milwaukee Crime Laboratory move. The last day we will accept evidence at the 1578 S. 11th Street address will be Friday, 05-29-2026. On Wednesday, 06-03-2026 we will resume evidence intake at our new location at 9400 W. Doyne Avenue, Suite 200, Wauwatosa WI 53226. The impact of this move will vary depending on the unit needed to examine the evidence.

We will resume processing evidence at the 9400 W. Doyne Avenue location when all instruments have been validated, and the new location has been accredited. In the meantime, any high priority cases or cases that require a due date prior to 10-20-2026 due to court demands will be transferred to another crime laboratory for testing.

There will be no disruption in the technical services that the Office of Crime Scene Response performs during this transition. Please know that the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories will be working diligently to limit disruption of our service to you and resume processing for all disciplines at the new location as soon as possible and will notify you of any updates through the WILENET webpage <https://wilenet.widj.gov/dfs-announcement>.



6/03/2026 ~ New Address

9400 W. Doyne Avenue suite 200

Wauwatosa, WI 53226



DEATH INVESTIGATION SCHOOL

topics include:

- Introduction to Death Investigation
- Analytical Support in Homicide Investigations
- Managing and Processing a Death Scene
- Suspect Development
- Utilizing Digital Technology & Social Media in Death Investigation
- Identification of Human Remains and Locating Buried Concealed Bodies
- Conducting Interviews & Documenting Confessions
- Contributions of the Autopsy
- Forensic Odontology
- Legal Considerations in Homicide Investigations
- Deaths Resulting from Fire and Explosions
- Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG)
- Cold Case Considerations and Exhumations
- Officer Involved Death (OID) Investigations
- Child Death Investigations
- Suicide Investigations

September 14 – 18
AND 21 – 25
(2-weeks)

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Green Lake, WI

\$250 Registration, upon
acceptance

Apply by June 24th!!

[Website Link](#)

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CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS



DRONE ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TACTICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The DART course provides emergency personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to detect, identify, track, assess, respond, and report Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) activity.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Participants are presented with information on the current UAS criminal and terrorist threat, analog and electronic UAS detection techniques, and response tactics to address this threat.

COURSE COMPONENTS

This course includes performance-based field demonstrations and exercises where participants are presented with varying UAS types, their capabilities, and simulated UAS threats involving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

DETAILS

Location:

Date:

Time:

[Click Here To Register](#)

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BASIC FIRE INVESTIGATION



This ten-day (86-hour) course provides an introduction to fire investigation for public safety personnel employed by law enforcement or fire service agencies within the State of Wisconsin. This course is based on current editions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1033 and NFPA 921 and is delivered by WI DOJ-DCI Special Agents / Deputy State Fire Marshals, ATF Fire Investigators, WI-DOJ Assistant Attorney's General, and other subject matter experts.

This course will provide the following:

- a practical understanding of fire dynamics and the methodology used in determining the origin and cause of a fire
- fundamental concepts and techniques for conducting a science-based fire investigation while employing the scientific method
- observing live fire demonstrations
- authoring a report and justifying the findings in a mock trial

Successful completion of the course will earn the student an *International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAAC) Certification* as a Fire Investigator through the Wisconsin Technical College System.

WHEN:

September 28 - October 2
October 5 - October 9
(2-week course)

WHERE:

Stevens Point, WI.
Mid-State Technical College
& Stevens Point Fire Training
Center

COST:

\$750.00

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2026. Class size is limited and selected applicants will be notified after the deadline.

Apply Now!

[website link](#)

SAVE THE DATE

[EVENT WEBSITE](#)

OCTOBER 6-8, 2026

*The 7th Annual Crime Lab Symposium
Will be hosted at the
NEW Milwaukee Crime Lab
October 2026*



Division of Forensic Sciences

CRIME SCENE PROCESSING SCHOOL

The Crime Scene Processing (CSP) course covers the detection, documentation, preservation, collection, and preparation for the submission of physical evidence to the State Crime Laboratories for Law Enforcement throughout the state. Office of Crime Scene Response instructors will also provide lectures and hands-on training in aspects of photography, fingerprints, footwear, firearms/tool marks, trace evidence, and DNA. This is a hands-on course. Practical exercises throughout the course will have students utilize the skills they learn throughout the week.

Any full-time employee (sworn or not) of a local, county, state, or tribal law enforcement agency within the State of Wisconsin whose duties include or will include the processing and/or handling of crime scene evidence is eligible to apply. The Crime Laboratory accepts all applications for attendance; however, applicant acceptance will undergo a selection process. If more than one person applies per department, only one may be selected. Upon registering, everyone will be placed on a Waitlist. Notification of status in the course will be sent a few weeks before the course.

A Letter of Recommendation from a high-ranking officer within your agency is required for consideration to attend. If a letter is not submitted, you will not be selected to attend the course.

DATES:

October 19-23, 2026

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COST:

Approx. \$160

LOCATION:

WCTC
800 Main Street
Pewaukee WI 53072



REGISTER ONLINE: www.wctc.edu/cjtraining

- Select Specialized Training

DOJ's Victim Resource Center

The Wisconsin Department of Justice's Victim Resource Center (VRC), housed within the Office of Crime Victim Services, assists victims of crime with information, referrals, and questions about their rights. If you have questions about crime victim rights or other resources available for crime victims, please contact the VRC at **608-264-9497** or via [email](#).

Crime victims in Wisconsin are entitled to rights under state statute and the Wisconsin Constitution. These rights help ensure victims are treated with fairness, dignity, respect, courtesy, sensitivity, and privacy. Law enforcement plays a vital role in protecting these rights and ensuring they are afforded in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to criminal defendants.

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of this national designation. Sexual violence impacts individuals, families, and communities across Wisconsin. As criminal justice professionals, it is essential to understand the dynamics of sexual assault and abuse and to respond to victims in a trauma-informed manner.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice offers several resources to support law enforcement in responding to crime victims and investigating sexual assault. These resources are available on WILENET:

- [Law Enforcement Resource Cards for Sensitive Crimes](#)
The Law Enforcement Resource Cards have moved to WILENET from **copcards.widoj.gov**. Please update your bookmark. The former link will no longer work after **July 13, 2026**.
- [Sexual Assault Response & Resources for Law Enforcement](#)
- [Sample Victim Rights Notification Forms for Law Enforcement](#)

Office of Crime Victim Services

Forensic Nursing and Law Enforcement

Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, strangulation, and/or trafficking may benefit from a forensic exam and law enforcement plays a critical role in connecting victims with services. The role of the sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) or forensic nurse examiner (FNE) is to provide medical care to patients/victims, to collect and document forensic evidence, and to provide expert testimony in the cases that go to trial.

Violence is a health concern that carries many short and long term health effects. Victims who receive a medical exam from a trained forensic nurse have better outcomes than those who do not, such as:

1. Enhanced trust and participation in other aspects of an investigation
2. Reduced acute stress symptoms; improved psychological well-being
3. Reduced trauma, infections and other complications.
4. Opportunity to receive prophylaxis to prevent sexually transmitted infection and pregnancy, if applicable, more than 120 hours after an assault.

In addition to providing victims with non-judgmental, compassionate, and sensitive care, a SANE/FNE plays an important role in a criminal investigation and prosecution:

- **Evidence Collection** can be compromised or lost if not collected in a timely manner. Collection of biological evidence is usually done **within 120 hours of an assault**, based on recommendations from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab.
- **Documentation of injury and the history of the assault** can be compelling evidence. Injuries may not be visible for hours or days and may persist **beyond 120 hours**. Patients seen within hours of an assault may have injuries that cannot be seen and documented during an initial examination and should be encouraged to return to the SANE/FNE if injury becomes apparent later.
- **Prosecution rates and outcomes** may benefit from the credible, expert testimony of a SANE/FNE.

As part of a cooperative, collaborative commitment to support a coordinated response, law enforcement agencies are strongly encouraged to:

- Refer victims to a SANE/FNE program for medical treatment and/or a forensic exam;
- Inform victims that they are not required to make a report or talk to a law enforcement officer to have a medical/forensic exam;
- Initiate the collaborative response by offering the victim a community-based advocate to provide accompaniment and support
- Participate in cross-training opportunities with SANE/FNE programs and community-based advocacy to establish policies and procedures for collaboration

For additional information on forensic nursing, please contact Susie Kanack at Susan.Kanack@wisdoj.gov. Additional information on collaborative best practices can be found in the following link. [Link to PDF file.](#)



Wisconsin Department of Justice Career Development Programs

New Chiefs & Sheriffs Training Week
 Sheraton Milwaukee | Brookfield Conference Center
 January 11-15, 2027

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.

Cost: Free to attend, lodging included with your registration.

Save the Date - Registration will open July 1st!

Leadership in Police Organizations

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

Cost to attend: \$700. Lunch is provided for each full day.

Class Times: Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM,
 Fridays 8:00 AM to Noon.

Lake Delton Police Dept	Week 1 – August 17-21, 2026 Week 2 – September 14-18, 2026 Week 3 – October 12-16, 2026	Registration Link
New Milwaukee Crime Lab – Training Room	Week 1 – September 28 – Oct 2, 2026 Week 2 – November 9-13, 2026 Week 3 – December 7-11, 2026	Registration Link



Wisconsin Department of Justice Career Development Programs

First Line Supervisor

A two week course for newly appointed or current supervisors. The DOJ First line Supervisors class is an 80-hour course which has been developed for a hybrid classroom which will include both in person and online work. The curriculum for the class is highly interactive and includes the following topics:

- Transitioning to the Role of Supervisor
- Communication Skills
- Internal Investigations
- Leading Individuals and Teams
- Cultural Competence and Implicit Bias
- Officer Wellness and Critical Incident Stress
- Personal Leadership Development
- Organization and Management
- Crisis Leadership and Critical Incident Decisions
- Media and public Presentations
Officer Involved Critical Incidents

Cost to Attend: \$275

Class are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch is on your own.

Madison Crime Lab Training Room	Week 1 – August 10-14, 2026 Week 2 – August 24-28, 2026	Registration Link Virtual Option Available
New Milwaukee Crime Lab Training Room	Week 1 – October 12 – 16, 2026 Week 2 – October 26-30, 2026	Registration Link Virtual Option Available

Sexual Assault Investigation Training Courses

Conducting Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigations – 3 Day Course

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
- Includes scenario exercises for interviewing

Register for an upcoming 3 Day Course:

October 21-23, 2026	New Milwaukee Crime Lab	REGISTER
Fall 2026	Green Bay Area	Coming Soon

Investigating and Prosecuting Strangulation: Two Day Specialty Training Course

This two-day training is intended to aid law enforcement, medical providers, advocates and prosecutors in understanding the complexities of strangulation within the context of domestic violence to enhance overall investigation and prosecution efforts and support for victims.

A team of faculty with extensive professional domestic violence experience will include a medical provider, and victim advocate, a law enforcement officer, a prosecutor and a forensic interviewer. Emphasis will include debunking myths, developing corroboration, creating effective and complete documentation that accounts for all the criminal elements to be proved and working in a victim-centered trauma-informed way toward a goal of offender accountability via successful prosecution. Participants will gain an understanding of the serious effects of strangulation, including those of multiple strangulation events and long-term damage to the victim, and will make connections between strangulation and lethality in domestic violence situations.

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

Register for the upcoming 2 Day Course:

August 4-5, 2026	Wausau, WI	REGISTER
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Domestic Violence Investigation Training Courses

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

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

Register for one of the upcoming courses:

October 27-28, 2026	Fond du Lac Police Department	REGISTER
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If you are interested in hosting one of our Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence courses in your region – please reach out to staff at Stacy.Lenz@wisdoj.gov

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/



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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