

# Can I get compensation? Tasmania

If you experienced childhood sexual abuse, you may be able to get compensation. Compensation can recognise the wrongdoing done to you and help you to recover money.

## What are my compensation options?

In Tasmania, the compensation options for survivors of childhood sexual abuse may include:

- victims of crime assistance
- criminal court compensation
- a civil claim
- an institutional redress scheme
- the National Redress Scheme.

It is important that you get legal advice. Please contact knowmore on 1800 605 762 for free legal advice.

## Victims of crime assistance

You may be eligible for victims of crime assistance. Usually you have 3 years from when the crime took place to apply. If you were under 18 when the crime happened, you need to apply before you turn 21. You might be able to apply after this if there are special circumstances.

You can find more information by calling Victims Support Services on 1300 663 773 or emailing them at [victims@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:victims@justice.tas.gov.au). You can also visit their website at [www.justice.tas.gov.au/victims](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/victims).

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## Criminal court compensation

If there is a criminal prosecution against the person responsible for what happened to you and they are found guilty of an offence, the court may make an order for them to pay you compensation. An application for criminal court compensation must be made as soon as practicable after the person is found guilty. Please contact knowmore for legal advice.

## Civil claims

A civil claim is where you 'sue' the person and/or institution responsible for your injuries.

There is no time limit for making a civil claim for child sexual abuse in Tasmania.

Civil claims are complicated and knowmore can help you find a lawyer with relevant experience.

## Institutional redress scheme

Some institutions offer a type of compensation for abuse committed by their staff via an 'institutional redress scheme'. These schemes may make a payment and provide other support, such as counselling.

Please contact knowmore for more information.

## National Redress Scheme

The Australian Government established the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional childhood sexual abuse that occurred prior to 1 July 2018. The scheme is accepting applications until 30 June 2027. You can find more information or request a form by calling 1800 737 377 or visiting [www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au).

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