

SAFE

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION PAYMENT PROGRAM



VIRGINIA VICTIMS FUND
Helping Innocent Victims of Crime
OFFICIALLY CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND

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About the Fund



Mission:

- To administer the Compensating Victims of Crime Act with compassion, fairness, and efficiency.
- To treat every victim and survivor with dignity and respect, recognizing the significant impact of violent crime on individuals and society.



Funding Sources:

- Fees collected from individuals convicted of felonies and misdemeanors in Virginia courts.
- Federal grants provided from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).



Administration:

- Operated by the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

Compensation & Benefits:

- Benefits are capped at \$35,000 and may cover:
 - Wage Loss
 - Doctor and Hospital Bills
 - Counseling Services
 - Prescription Expenses
 - Moving Expenses



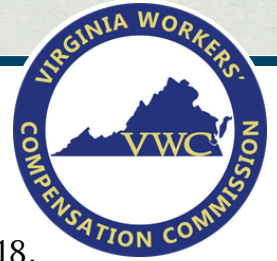
Additional Programs & Responsibilities:

- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Payment Program:
 - Administers payment for sexual assault forensic exams across the Commonwealth.
- Unclaimed Restitution:
 - Reunites victims of crime with restitution money owed to them when courts are unable to locate the victims.
- Recovery of Debts:
 - Holds convicted offenders responsible for paying back the fund for awards made on underlying claims.



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About the Commission



The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

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The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), established in 1918, is an independent judicial and administrative state agency responsible for overseeing the workers' compensation system in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commission is led by three Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly, each serving six-year terms. The current Commissioners are the Honorable Wesley G. Marshall, the Honorable R. Ferrell Newman and the Honorable Robert A. Rapaport. As of July 1, 2024, the Honorable Wesley G. Marshall began serving a three-year term as Chairman of the Commission. The Commission's Executive Director is Ms. Evelyn McGill, and the Chief Deputy Commissioner is the Honorable James J. Szablewicz.

VWC's Mission

To serve injured workers, victims of crimes, employers, and stakeholders across Virginia by delivering outstanding service, resolving disputes efficiently, and upholding the responsibilities entrusted to us by the Commonwealth with integrity and excellence.

VWC's Vision

Lead the nation as the most effective and innovative state agency.



Words from the Commission Chairman:

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission takes pride in the great work and impact of our team members at the Virginia Victims Fund (VVF). VVF's team strives to help Virginia victims heal and rebuild their lives. It is a privilege for the Commission to support VVF in this critical mission. We are grateful for VVF's professionalism and unwavering commitment to serving victims with dignity and compassion. We support VVF's efforts to bring hope and healing within reach to those who need it most.

The Honorable Wesley G. Marshall
VWC Chairman





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Message from the VVF Team

Driven by Commitment: Serving Victims and Survivors Across Virginia

The Virginia Victims Fund is dedicated to serving victims of violent crime with compassion, efficiency, and fairness. Every member of our team brings a deep sense of purpose to their role, understanding the profound impact this work has on those navigating trauma and recovery.



We share this commitment with a vital network of partners who make our mission possible:

- To the victims and survivors we serve—your strength, resilience, and courage remind us daily why this work matters.
- To the victim-witness advocates across the state—your invaluable partnership guides individuals through the complex path to compensation.
- To the medical providers and forensic nurses—your care, expertise, and sensitivity help restore dignity and extend grace to victims in their most vulnerable moments.

We are equally proud to stand alongside our colleagues within the broader Commission, working each day with a shared purpose of public service.

At the heart of our work is the VVF staff. Whether answering a call, reviewing evidence, or issuing compensation, every action reflects their integrity, empathy, and drive. This year has reinforced that while policies and procedures guide us, it is people—our team, our partners, and the survivors—who truly drive our mission forward. The Virginia Victims Fund remains committed. Now and always.

SAFE Payment Program



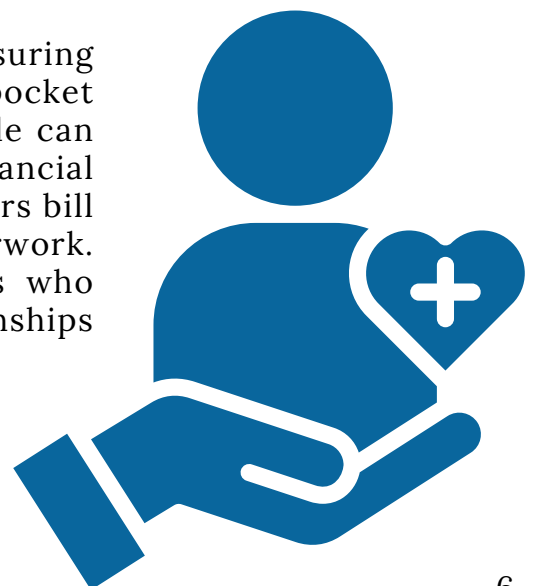
SAFE: SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION PAYMENT PROGRAM

The SAFE Program provides immediate access to specialized, trauma-informed healthcare following an experience of sexual assault. By handling all financial routing for the Physical Evidence Recovery Kit (PERK) examination on the backend, the program eliminates billing hurdles at the point of care. This essential funding guarantees that survivors have the unhindered choice to secure and document medical-legal evidence, establishing a foundation for justice and healing from day one.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SAFE COORDINATOR

“It is a privilege to support our community by ensuring forensic care is available to everyone without out-of-pocket costs. We provide this funding for Virginians so people can preserve the evidence needed for court without financial stress, regardless of their ability to pay. Because doctors bill us directly, patients never have to deal with the paperwork. We are deeply grateful for the community partners who stand with us, and we look forward to the new relationships and collaborations we will form in the days ahead.”

-Nikki Saba, SAFE Coordinator



SAFE - Exams & Demographics

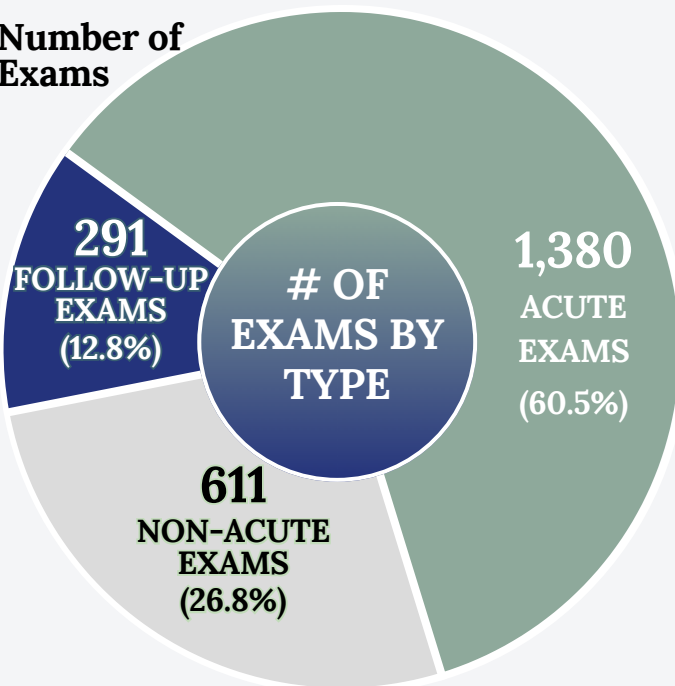
The SAFE Payment Program provides reimbursement structures tailored to the specific timing and intent of clinical care:

- **Acute Exams:** Completed within roughly 120 hours of an incident, these forensic medical evaluations are reimbursed at 60% of all eligible costs under Virginia statute.
- **Non-Acute Exams:** Performed outside the initial 120-hour window, these clinical evaluations are eligible for a policy-capped reimbursement of up to \$1,500 per case.
- **Follow-Up Exams:** Focused on continuity of care—including STI screenings and injury documentation—these subsequent visits are capped at \$1,000 in coverage.

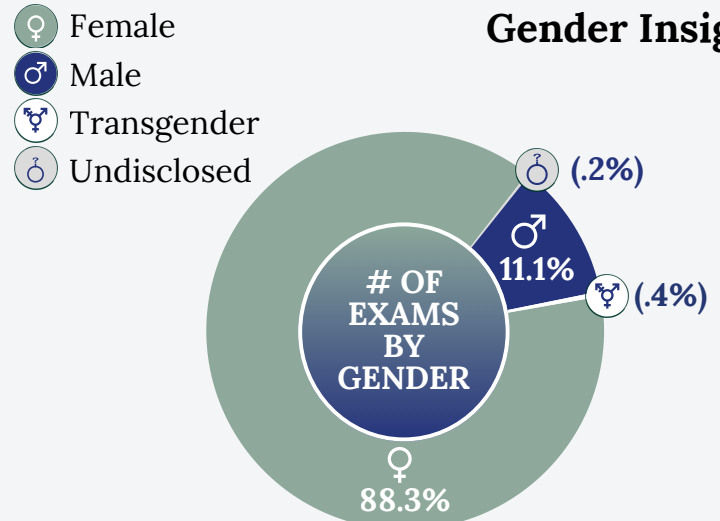


EXAM TYPES, CLAIM INFORMATION & CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Number of Exams

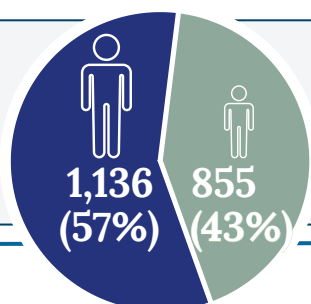


Gender Insight



Age Insight

- Adults
- Children



Eligibility Guidelines

To optimize program resources, the Virginia Victims Fund cannot approve claims resulting from out-of-state incidents. Applications may also be denied if they lack essential supporting documentation or request reimbursement for expenses falling outside established statutory coverage limits.

SAFE Financials

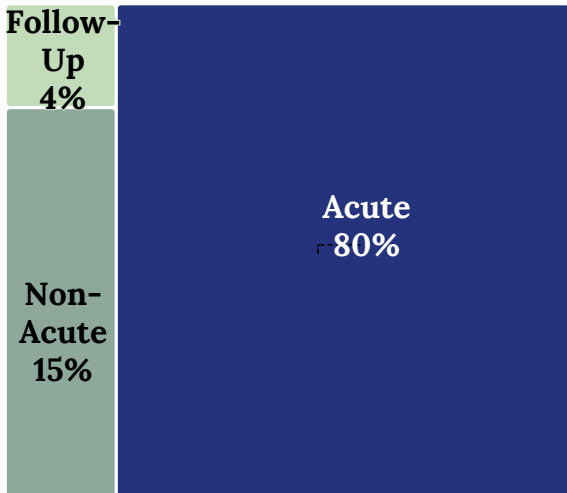
SAFE Financials

State General Funds entirely sustain the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program, removing financial barriers so survivors can access immediate, specialized healthcare. This fiscal year, the program distributed \$2,993,732 in SAFE payments to directly cover acute, non-acute, and follow-up medical evaluations across the Commonwealth. This crucial funding equips healthcare providers to deliver trauma-informed care and preserve vital forensic evidence seamlessly. The financial data below illustrates how these resources transform into direct, tangible support for survivors and the medical professionals who care for them.



SAFE FINANCIALS

SAFE Exam Expenses by Percentage



\$2,993,732

SAFE Payments



2,282

New Claims



2,389

Eligible Expenses



5.5 Days

Average Time to Make an Award



FY26 Revenue

\$3,100,000

The SAFE Payment Program is funded by General Funds.

Exam Type

Acute

Non-Acute

Follow Up

Amount Billed (Requested by Providers)

\$4,108,022.46

\$1,100,904.27

\$354,028.66

Amount of Reimbursement (by SAFE)

\$2,384,254.78

\$461,766.18

\$131,109.90

Requested expenses are reduced by payments from third parties such as private and public insurance or are not reimbursed due to ineligibility. The amount of reimbursements reflects tallies after end of fiscal year reconciliation.

New Director

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR: HOLLIE JENNINGS, ED.D.

Hollie Jennings, Ed.D.

Director, Virginia Victims Fund

Hollie Jennings joined the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission as the Director of the Virginia Victims Fund on July 10, 2026. Hollie brings over 20 years of professional experience spanning public safety administration, victim advocacy, mental health services, and education.



Professional Background

- **Public Safety & Local Government:** Hollie previously served as the Special Assistant to the City Manager of Lynchburg, VA. In this capacity, she managed critical public safety initiatives, city budgets, court programs, and state/federal grants. She also provided strategic oversight to the Community Corrections and Pre-trial departments.
- **Clinical Mental Health & Advocacy:** As a Clinician and Therapist for the Central Virginia Community Services Board, Hollie provided emergency mental health and substance abuse assessments within detention environments. Her career also includes serving as a Caseworker and Administrator for the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center and working directly as a Victim Advocate to ensure court processes were transparent and accessible to those affected by crime.
- **Educational Leadership:** Hollie has an extensive background in public education, serving in various administrative and student-facing roles, including Assistant Principal and School Counselor.

Education & Credentials

- **Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.)** in Leadership — University of Lynchburg
- **Master of Education (M.Ed.)** — Lynchburg College

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