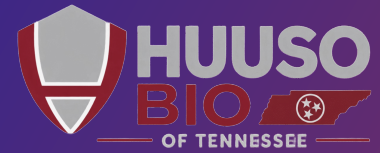


Family, Grief & Victim Support

A practical starting point after a death, violent crime, or traumatic event. Save it, print it, or hand it to someone who needs help.



1 If help is needed right now

Life-threatening emergency: call 911.

Suicide or emotional crisis: call or text 988. Tennessee connects callers to crisis support and can connect people to mobile crisis services statewide.



Tennessee Crisis Services

tn.gov/behavioral-health/crisis.html

2 Victim advocacy & local help

Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference

All 32 District Attorneys General have staff dedicated to victims and witnesses. They can help with case information, court accompaniment, victim rights, restitution, community referrals, and Criminal Injuries Compensation.



Search 1,000+ Tennessee victim resources

tndagc.org/victim-resources-map

Homicide loss support

Tennessee Voices for Victims and the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference offer counselor-led homicide loss support groups. Search the TNDAGC support page for a group near you.

tndagc.org/support

TBI Victim Services

For victims and witnesses involved in Tennessee Bureau of Investigation cases, TBI Victim Services provides crisis intervention, advocacy, education, and referrals.

tn.gov/tbi/divisions/criminal-investigation-division/victim-services.html

3 Financial help after violent crime

Tennessee Criminal Injuries Compensation may help eligible victims and families with certain crime-related expenses.

\$3,000

Crime scene cleanup sub-limit

\$6,000

Funeral and burial sub-limit

\$34,100

Overall max for crimes on/after 7/1/2025

The program is a fund of last resort. Eligibility rules apply. For residential crime scene cleanup, the state may consider cleaning and material-removal costs, not repairs or replacement.



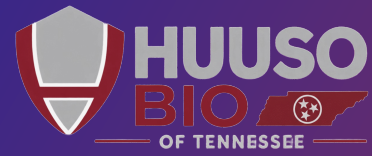
Official Tennessee Treasury page

treasury.tn.gov/injury

Important compensation timing

- Crime generally must be reported to authorities within **15 days**, unless the victim is a minor or good cause applies.
- A claim generally must be filed within **2 years**, unless good cause can be established.
- An arrest or conviction is not required before filing.

Grief, mental health & practical next steps



4 Grief support

The Compassionate Friends

Peer support for parents, grandparents, and siblings after the death of a child. Use the chapter locator to find local or online support.

compassionatefriends.org/find-support/chapters/chapter-locator

AFSP Tennessee

Support for people impacted by suicide loss, including the Healing Conversations peer-support program.

afsp.org/chapter/tennessee

GriefShare

Search for grief-support groups by ZIP code and meeting format.

griefshare.org

5 Mental health support

NAMI Tennessee

Statewide and local peer support, family groups, education, and affiliate resources. Resource Helpline: **800-467-3589**, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Central.

namitn.org/about-nami-tennessee/nami-affiliates-in-tennessee

In a mental health emergency: call or text **988**.

6 Documents & legal basics

Tennessee death certificates

The Tennessee Office of Vital Records issues certified death certificates. County health departments can issue registered Tennessee death certificates statewide.

tn.gov/health/vr.html

Probate and estates

Tennessee Courts' Self Help Center directs families to the Clerk & Master or appropriate court clerk in their county for estate and probate matters.

tncourts.gov/programs/self-help-center

Free civil legal help

Help4TN: 1-844-435-7486 provides legal information and referrals to qualifying Tennesseans and connects callers with statewide and local civil legal resources.

Help4TN.org

Social Security

Funeral homes usually report deaths to Social Security. If a funeral home is not involved or did not report the death, contact Social Security. Eligible family members may qualify for survivor benefits.

ssa.gov/personal-record/when-someone-dies

Keep a simple folder. Save the police report number, death certificates, insurance information, receipts, itemized cleanup invoices, funeral bills, and correspondence. These documents can matter for insurance, probate, and victim compensation.

Property affected by a death or crime?

Huuso Bio Tennessee answers 24/7 for crime scene, unattended death, blood, trauma, and biohazard cleanup. We can provide itemized documentation and proof of disinfection for insurance or reimbursement records.

615-547-8463

Using this resource guide never requires hiring Huuso Bio Tennessee.



Live Tennessee resource directory

For updated links and shareable resources: huusobiotennessee.com/grief-and-victim-support-tennessee/