# After you have reported something to the police

Here you can read more about what happens after the police have received your report.

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## You get a receipt of the report

You will get a receipt of the report in your e-Boks and at borger.dk. If you do not have digital post, you will get the receipt by ordinary mail.

In the receipt you can find a police file number for the case. Please always refer to this number if you have to contact the police regarding the case.

The receipt can also be used as documentation for your insurance company.

In the receipt you will be designated as "the injured party" of the case.

Next step in the case will be that the case will have to be investigated unless you have been informed that the police have no basis for initiating an investigation.



## We investigate and assess the case

**During the investigation** the police will gather evidence and interrogate the person or persons who may be relevant for the case.

If there is no basis for a preliminary charge, you will receive a message that the case is closed.

If there is a reasonable suspicion towards a person, this person is indicted. Once the investigation is completed, the case will be forwarded to the Prosecution Service.

Thereafter, the Prosecution Service takes over the case. In less severe cases, the case can be closed with a fine and without court proceedings.

If there is not enough evidence in the case, you will receive a message that the case is closed. Otherwise, the case is typically decided in court.



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### The court processes and decides the case

If the case has to be taken to court, the court decides if the defendant is guilty or not and if found guilty which punishment the defendant should receive.

If you have to give evidence in court, you will receive a letter summoning you as a "witness". If you do not have to give evidence, you will still be given an opportunity to receive information about where and when the case will be presented in court.

When your case is closed, you can request the court or the Prosecution Service for a copy of the judgment.

At anklagemyndigheden.dk/en you can read and learn about how a court case is processed and what it means to be a witness in court.

If you need to talk to us again, you can reach us by calling **114**. You will have to provide us with your **personal identification number** or the **police file number** from the original receipt of the report.

# **Know your entitlements**

You have different options to get help and support, depending on the type of crime you have been exposed to.

#### Compensation

Your opportunities to receive compensation depend on the character and the intensity of the crime.

• If you have suffered an injury, e.g. in consequence of violence: In some cases you will be entitled to receive compensation from the Danish state.

• If you have been exposed to a theft, a burglary or a malicious damage: You will have to contact your own insurance company about the compensation. If your case is brought to court, you can also request the police to include your claim of compensation in the court case.

#### Contact person

In some cases, e.g. sexual offence or gross violence cases, you will get a contact person within the police. The contact person will help and support you throughout the process and keep you informed about the development of the case.

#### Legal advocate

In some case you may have an opportunity to receive legal support, i.e. an advocate who will help you and represent you throughout the entire case.

#### Other options for receiving help

Regardless of the type of crime or accident you have been exposed to, you can always receive support and guidance at the **Victim Support Denmark** (Offerrådgivningen). Find a department at politi.dk/ ofre or call phone number (+45) 72217221 (the helpline is managed 24 hours a day). You can also find useful information and links to relevant organisations which can help and support you at politi.dk/ofre.

# Get help at politi.dk/ofre

Read more about your options and receive useful answers to the most common questions as a result of being a victim of a crime or assault.

# You can always call



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