



CORE PROGRAM
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Crime Victims' Reparations (CVR)

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For certain types of claims, your behavior is examined to determine if it caused or contributed to the crime and/or injury. That said, **contributory conduct is never used in screening claims involving domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking.**

The Commission would never and has never treated a victim of a crime such as human trafficking as an accomplice.

The cases in which a claim is denied because of contributory conduct or a lack of innocence have clear criminal activity. Find below some recent examples of such conduct that resulted in dismissal of the claim.

- Fight between gang members.
- Drug deal turned violent; further, applicant lied on application about being employed and refused to cooperate with law enforcement.
- Claimant fired first and was shot in response.
- Victim was killed during a home invasion they perpetrated while armed with a gun; homeowner took gun from the victim and shot them.
- Victim was an active drug dealer and crime occurred during drug deal that turned violent. Such situations have occurred a few times.
- Victim was breaking down the door of girlfriend's ex-boyfriend and homeowner shot victim.