

Assessment of Victims' Physical, Emotional, Financial, and Secondary Injuries

Physical

- What is the degree of victim injury?
- What is the severity and impact of the injury?
- Will the injury create a long-term disability?
- Has the crime aggravated a previously existing physical or medical condition?
- Is the injury a visible one? Will there be permanent scarring or disfigurement?

Emotional

- has the lack of a physical injury resulted in other people discounting the seriousness of the incident?
- What previous life experiences with victimization, oppression, or discrimination, if any, have a bearing on the recent victimization?
- What emotions are being experienced?
- Does the victim fear revictimization?
- Is emotional stress interfering with basic life activities, such as eating, sleeping, and ability to concentrate on the task at hand?
- What are the unique vulnerabilities of this victim? What degree of social support exists?
- What bearing does the offender's motivation have on the victim's emotional reaction?
- What factors relating to the commission of the crime exacerbate the victim emotional reaction, such as the degree of degradation the victim experienced and the degree that this victimization affects all members of this class or community?

Financial

- What is the degree of financial loss?
- Has the crime interrupted the victim's ability to earn income? Is this jeopardizing the victim's financial security?
- Has the victim had expenses relating to child care, transportation, or other costs associated with the crime?
- Does the victim have insurance that covers the loss or injury?
- Does the loss or damage of property pose immediate hardship, such as the need to find alternate housing or transportation?

Secondary

- Does the victim feel rejected by the community?
- Has the victim felt supported by the community?
- Has the victim felt betrayed by community organizations or the medical, legal, and other fields.
- Has the victimized experienced institutional prejudice?