

COMPENSATION BOOKLET

the victims of acts of terrorism

ATTACKS OF 13th NOVEMBER 2015



FONDS DE
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DES VICTIMES

FGTI
GUARANTEE FUND FOR VICTIMS
OF TERRORIST ACTS AND
OTHER OFFENCES

This document is intended for the victims of the acts of terrorism committed in Paris and Saint-Denis on 13th November 2015.

It is designed to summarise the role of the French Guarantee Fund for Victims from your initial claim until you have been compensated for your losses and to inform you of the formalities involved in order to help you overcome any difficulties.

The Prevention of Terrorism and State Security Act of 9th September 1986 created a guarantee fund charged with paying compensation for bodily harm resulting from acts of terrorism. The fund is financed by a contribution levied on property insurance policies.

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PERSONS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION

Since the act of terrorism occurred in France, all victims are entitled to compensation irrespective of nationality.

Victims or their beneficiaries* have a period of ten years to make a claim to the French Guarantee Fund for Victims, after which an application for relief may be made to the FG-TI's Board of Directors.

**The term beneficiaries refers to the victim's spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, etc.*

LOSSES COVERED

Bodily harm (death / injuries)

You will be fully compensated for bodily harm, usually after an assessment by a doctor designated by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims.

Secondary claims for clothing damage

If directly related to the act of terrorism, clothing expenses are reimbursed up to a certain limit by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims on presentation of supporting documents.

MAKING YOUR INITIAL CLAIM

The public prosecutor informs the French Guarantee Fund for Victims of the event and of the victims' identities but anyone believing that they have been the victim of an act of terrorism may apply directly to the French Guarantee Fund for Victims.

When making your initial claim, you must send the following to the French Guarantee Fund for Victims :

- ▶ proof of your identity (individual / family identity certificate or photocopy of your passport or ID card) ;
- ▶ full supporting documents for your bodily harm (initial medical certificate and statement of any initial expenses incurred as a result of the attack).

COMPENSATION PAYMENT PROCESS

The French Guarantee Fund for Victims will assist you in putting your claim together and will make you an interim payment within at most one month of receiving your claim in order to cover your initial expenses.

Further interim payments may be made depending on your medical condition and personal circumstances according to a personalised assessment by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims.

All your losses resulting from the act of terrorism will be covered by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims whether you are an injured victim or a beneficiary (close family member) of a deceased victim.

The French Guarantee Fund for Victims must make you a definitive compensation offer within three months of receiving the supporting documents for your losses.

If you decide not to accept the offer, you have the right to make a claim before the district court.

► **If you have been injured**

The French Guarantee Fund for Victims will assess all your losses, taking account of any payments received from other sources for the same losses (e.g. national insurance or a mutual insurance scheme).

This compensation may be paid after a medical assessment requested by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims.

► **If you have lost a close relative**

As a beneficiary (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, etc), you may obtain compensation for your non-financial losses and any financial losses that you may have suffered as a result of your relative's death.

Financial losses and funeral expenses are assessed by the French Guarantee Fund for Victims, which also takes account of any payments that may have been made for the same losses by any other organisation.

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