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As a victim of a sexual offence, what damages do I have the right to claim for?

As a victim of rape, sexual injury or sexual assault will you have the right to recover financial or non- financial damages. The court will determine the amount to be awarded based on the facts of the case based on the damages suffered as a direct result of the rape, sexual injury or sexual assault.

Financial damages amounts to:

Costs incurred to obtain health services and the health services required (including present and future costs) for injuries sustained as a result of the offence.

Non-financial damages is more extensive, it includes:

- damages to the body of the victim as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- loss of an organ of the victim as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- damages due to non-functioning organ of the victim as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- damages for loss of lifestyle for having lost an organ, or use of an organ as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- damages for pain and suffering the victim suffered as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- damages for loss of employment prospects of the victim as a direct result of injuries sustained;
- legal fees.