

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program
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<i>Which checks are eligible?</i>	<p>Checks are <u>eligible</u> for the Program if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the check was received in exchange for merchandise, personal property, or a service, or if the check was made payable to cash and endorsed by the check writer • the check was processed through a bank at least once and returned stamped “NSF” (non-sufficient funds), “account closed,” “refer to maker” or “unable to locate.” • certain “stop payment” checks are allowed (please contact the Victim Hotline at bottom on a case-by-case basis) • the check was passed in Los Angeles County • there are no minimum or maximum restrictions on check amount
<i>Which checks are not eligible?</i>	<p>Checks are <u>not eligible</u> if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the check is stolen, counterfeit, or forged (report these to law enforcement) • the check is a two-party, out-of-state, payroll, rent, or government check (pursue these through small claims court) • partial payment has already been accepted • the check is post-dated, or where there was an agreement to hold the check for some period • the check was given as payment on an installment account or where there was an extension of credit
<i>How do I file?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before filing the check with the Program, the check writer must be notified by telephone or through the mail and extended a grace period of at least ten days to make payment. • After that ten-day period, time is of the essence: the Program is more successful when checks are filed promptly with the Program. • Checks can be filed up until 120 days after the transaction date. • Use the complaint form provided by this Program (call contact number for additional forms): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for each check writer, use one form; if that person has written multiple bad checks, attach them all to one form 2. list and describe any attempt to notify the check writer by telephone and through the mail 3. fill in the complaint form as completely as possible 4. photocopy everything you send to the program 5. attach the original check(s) and other supporting documents (i.e. the bank notice, certified mail receipt, copy of the courtesy letter) and mail to: <p style="text-align: center;"> Los Angeles County District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program P.O. Box 86407 Los Angeles, CA 90086-0407 </p>
<i>What happens after I file?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT from the check writer after you have filed the check with the Program. Refer the check writer to the Check Writer Line (number below) for instructions on making payment. • To obtain status on your check, you should wait 90 days before calling the Victim Hotline (number below). • Once restitution is collected from the check writer, you will receive payment from the District Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program. If the check writer does not comply with the program, the case will be reviewed for prosecution. If the case is non-prosecutable, your check will be returned so that you may pursue your claim in civil court.
<i>Contact Numbers</i>	<p>VICTIM HOTLINE: (800) 842-0733</p> <p>CHECK WRITER HOTLINE (800) 269-0206</p>