

Key facts about the Ship Fund

We compensate anyone affected by:

- **oil spills from ships or boats**
- **anywhere in Canadian waters**



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Did you know that oil pollution incidents occur regularly? Even the smallest spill can pose risks to communities, the environment, and the economy.

Have you suffered damages or losses, or helped with response efforts? You may qualify for compensation.

We compensate anyone affected by oil spills from ships or boats. We also strive to make the polluter pay.

The Ship Fund is managed by Ship and Rail Compensation Canada, which is independent of the Government of Canada.

COMPENSATION AVAILABLE

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There is no limit to how much we can pay to claimants. If our balance is exhausted, the Ship Fund has access to additional money.

The money for the Ship Fund comes from:

- a levy collected from oil shippers in the 1970s
- interest generated on that money
- funds that we recover from polluters

WHAT TYPES OF DAMAGES AND LOSSES ARE COVERED?

We cover most damages, including:



**Response and
clean-up costs**



**Property
damage**



**Environmental
measures**



**Economic
loss (including
future losses)**



**Some
cultural
losses**



For all damages and losses, we can only reimburse reasonable costs and expenses.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A CLAIM?

Anyone in Canada, including:

- Individuals
- All levels of government
- Indigenous groups
- Ports, harbours and marinas
- First responders and spill responders
- Corporations and businesses
- Landowners
- Non-profit corporations

WHAT TYPES OF SHIPS OR BOATS ARE COVERED?

We cover any type of ship or boat, such as:

- Oil tankers, cargo and container vessels
- Tugs and barges
- Cruise ships, passenger ships, and ferries
- Pleasure craft
- Fishing vessels
- Abandoned and derelict vessels

THE CLAIMS PROCESS

1. OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE



2. SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM



We will need supporting documents that prove your damages and losses.

These may include:

- quotes, invoices, and receipts
- photographs and maps
- financial records and income tax documentation
- logbooks and correspondence



Submit your claim a maximum of 2 years after the date of the incident.

A fast-track process is available for claims of \$35,000 or less.



Submit your claim within 1 year of the incident.

3. CLAIMS PROCESSING

We are looking for:



Was the incident caused by a ship or a boat?



What actions did you take? Why?



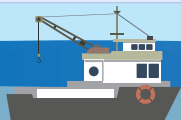
How much damage did you suffer?



How much did you spend? Was that amount reasonable?



Have you provided proof?



4. COMPENSATION


When we finish our assessment, we will send you a decision letter.



You have 60 days to accept our offer or appeal to the Federal Court.

5. RECOVERY FROM THE POLLUTER

Once we pay you, we will take all reasonable measures to recover costs from the shipowner, its insurer and any other person responsible.



In Canada, a shipowner is responsible for oil pollution incidents involving their ships and boats. This is the polluter pays principle.



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