

Guidance on Classification of Victimization

The Other Crime Category is being overused and incorrectly used. Classifying victimizations under other instead of correct categories impacts our federal reporting negatively. Last year's PMT data had over 14,089 victims classified in this category, which made up 9.04% of the total victims. The "Other" category should be a last resort and still needs to be VOCA allowable victimizations. Here is a specific list of how the "Other" category was misused and should have been put under the following victimization categories.

Adult Assault:

- Aggravated Assault
- Brandishing a Weapon
- Strangulation (Non Domestic Violence)
- Threatened with a Weapon
- Officer Involved Shooting (The person shot is the victim unless it is a suspect shot)
- Disorderly Conduct
- Attempted Homicide/Murder
- Propelling a Bodily Substance
- Aggravated Battery/Battery
- Gun Violence
- Simple Assault

Adult Sexual Assault:

- Indecent Liberties
- Indecent Exposure (lewdness)
- Voyeurism

Bullying:

Bullying defined as repeated, negative acts committed by one or more **children** against another **child**- can be physical or verbal

- Electronic bullying through emails, social media, creating fake profiles, posting embarrassing pictures/videos online through social media, spreading rumors, or taunting
- Juvenile assault (committed by another juvenile)
- Actions that would go under stalking/harassment for adults can go under bullying if committed by a juvenile against another juvenile

Burglary:

- Aggravated burglary
- Attempted forcible entry
- Breaking and entering
- Forcible entry
- Non forcible entry
- Unlawful entry

Child Abuse:

- Child Endangerment
- Medical neglect

- Drug exposure or exposure to harmful materials (if non sexual in nature)
- Educational neglect
- Failure to protect
- Sibling risk-would be secondary victims,
- Alcohol sold to a minor
- Abandonment
- Nonviolent child abuse/cruelty

Child Sexual Abuse

- Teen sexual assault
- Exposure to harmful materials-if pornography
- Child exploitation through prostitution

Domestic Violence:

DV includes physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological actions, or threats or actions that influence another person

- Emotional Abuse (if fall under domestic relationship)
- Domestic violence in the presence of child
- Interruption of communication device
- Verbal domestic incident

Kidnapping (Noncustodial):

- Abduction
- Forcible detention
- Hostage
- Unlawful detention
- Unlawful restraint

Kidnapping (Custodial):

Occurs when one parent/guardian deprives another of his/her legal right to custody or visitation of a minor.

- Includes custodial interference

Stalking/Harassment:

- Harassing phone calls/messages
- Intimidation, menacing, stalking, terroristic threats, threatening gestures, behavior, or conduct
- Electronic harassment
- Trespassing (if not a business)
- Revenge porn

Other Vehicular Victimization:

- Hit & Run
- Motor vehicle crash
- Reckless driving
- Vehicular assault

What is allowable under "Other" is:

- False imprisonment

- Property crimes (destruction/damage of property, vandalism, criminal mischief (non DV)),
- Theft
- Violation of Court Orders (Protective order, stalking injunctions, criminal no contact orders, etc)

Victimizations put under “Other” that are *NOT* allowable:

- Dog Bites/Attack (unless an owner intentionally had their dog attack another person-than it will be an assault)
- Riot (Who is the victim? Was someone assaulted in the Riot?)
- Substance Abuse
- Criminal charges where victims are a business
- Failure to stop
- Non-criminal deaths (unattended/attended deaths)
- Suicide
- Citizen concern (if it is not criminal in nature)
- Missing person-noncriminal
- Welfare checks (if not criminal)
- Listing as other non-VOCA incidents

If your agency assists individuals under these Unallowable categories, you need to have hours that are not VOCA funded and these should not be included in your VOCA data. Before you classify someone under “Other”, first check all the other VOCA victimization to see if it fits under. Every crime charge doesn’t need to be itemized under VOCA victimization. Such as a Domestic Violence case that had an assault, criminal mischief, children witnessing domestic violence, and interruption of a communication device should all get counted as domestic violence for each primary and secondary (adult victim and children) you are serving. This would be the same for victimizations of Sexual Assault that had a protective order violation, harassment, and stalking. Sexual Assault would be the primary victimization in that case. If you have a victim of multiple victimizations you can choose the primary victimization and/or ones that are distinguishable.