

This information sheet details information about legal services in Victoria as of 29 September 2020 .

## Can I speak to a lawyer?

If you have a legal problem it is important to get legal help early. Act quickly. If you wait your problem or fine could get worse.

## Youthlaw

Youthlaw gives free legal advice and information to people under 25 years age.

You can :

email a lawyer on the [Youthlaw website](#),

call us on 9113 9500 to speak to a lawyer

Call on 9113 9500 and we may suggest you come in to see us.

## Fines

If you have fines call us and speak to a lawyer . We will give you advice, refer you to our self-help info , or we will get you to come in to our Friday Fines Clinic ( every Friday)

## Other legal services

### Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

This service is for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

You can get legal help about most areas of the law.

Ph: 1800 064 865 or 9418 5999

[www.vals.org.au](http://www.vals.org.au)

### Victoria Legal Aid - Legal Help

Legal Help is a public telephone service for all Victorians. They can be a good first point for legal info & where to go to get help. If you are eligible they will refer you internally to their lawyers or to a duty lawyer at court .

Ph: 1300 792 387

[www.legalaid.vic.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au)

### Community Legal Centres

There are about 50 Community legal centres in Victoria. They all provide free legal assistance . They are all a bit different as to what they can help you with and the extent to which they can. It's best to call them first to find out .

Specialist community legal centres

There are a number of specialist community legal centres in Victoria :

### **Centrelink issues**

Social Security Rights Victoria

Ph: (03) 9481 0355

[www.ssrv.org.au](http://www.ssrv.org.au)

### **Rental issues**

Tenant's Union of Victoria

Ph: (03) 9416 2577

[www.tuv.org.au](http://www.tuv.org.au)

### **Consumer protection issues**

Consumer Action Law Centre

Ph: (03) 9629 6300

[www.consumeraction.org.au](http://www.consumeraction.org.au)

### **Employment issues**

Young Workers Centre on 1800 714 754 ( for young people up to 30 years )

OR

Job Watch

Ph: (03) 9662 1933 or 1800 331 617 (country callers)

[www.jobwatch.org.au](http://www.jobwatch.org.au)

### **Domestic Violence and family issues**

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre Ph: (03) 9928 9600, 1800 015 188 (toll free)  
(24 hours 7 days per week)

Women's Legal Service Victoria

Ph: (03) 8622 0600 or 1800 133 302 (toll free)

[www.womenslegal.org.au](http://www.womenslegal.org.au)

### **Disability**

Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service

Ph: (03) 5227 3338 or 1800 014 111 (free call for legal issues only)

[www.villamanta.org.au](http://www.villamanta.org.au)

Disability Discrimination Legal Service

Ph: (03) 9654 8644

[www.ddls.org.au](http://www.ddls.org.au)

### **Immigration issues**

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Ph: (03) 9326 6066

[www.asrc.org.au](http://www.asrc.org.au)

Refugee Legal

Ph: (03) 9413 0100 (Advice Line: Wednesdays 10am-2pm, Fridays 10am-2pm)

Ph: (03) 9413 0101 (General enquiries)

[www.rilc.org.au](http://www.rilc.org.au)

### **Homeless or at risk of homelessness**

Homeless Persons Legal Clinic

(03) 8636 4408 or 1800 606 313 (toll free)

<http://www.justiceconnect.org.au/our-programs/homeless-law>

### **Mental health issues**

Mental Health Legal Centre

Ph: (03) 9629 4422 or 1800 555 887 (toll free)

<https://mhlc.org.au/>

## **Can I email a lawyer?**

You can email a lawyer to get legal information.

Youthlaw

Legal information for people under 25 years old

<http://youthlaw.asn.au/free-legal-advice-for-young-people/ask-a-lawyer/>

LawMail

LawMail is a national service. Email a lawyer in your home state to get legal information

<https://www.lawmail.org.au/details>

## **Finding legal information**

Youthlaw

Youthlaw's website has information and fact sheets covering common legal problems for young people.

<http://youthlaw.asn.au/learn-about-the-law/>

Lawstuff

The Lawstuff website has legal information for young people around Australia. Lawstuff hosts LawMail, a national legal information email service.

<https://yla.org.au/>

Victoria Legal Aid

Victoria Legal Aid has a youth section on its website. There are factsheets and publications you can download with information on common youth legal issues.

[www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/all-publications-and-resources?field\\_item\\_category\\_tid=130](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/all-publications-and-resources?field_item_category_tid=130)

Community Legal Centres

Your local community legal centre will also have brochures and factsheets. Contact the Federation of Community Legal Centres.

[www.communitylaw.org.au](http://www.communitylaw.org.au)

The Law Handbook Online

The Law Handbook is a practical guide to the law in Victoria. There are useful factsheets that you can download.

[www.lawhandbook.org.au](http://www.lawhandbook.org.au)