

WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP

This fact sheet lists the different free legal services available where you can get help. If you have a problem your first step is to see a lawyer to find out what you can do, and what your rights are.

Don't be afraid to get help. There are many drop in clinics, telephone and email services where you can speak to a lawyer or get free legal information.

This information sheet details information about legal services in Victoria as at **September 2012**.

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.

Here is a list of available free legal services. Contact a service that is most convenient to you.

YOUTHLAW SERVICES

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

You can get legal information or email a lawyer on the Youthlaw website.

☎: www.youthlaw.asn.au

Or you can drop-in and see a lawyer without an appointment at the following locations:

Melbourne

Drop-in 2-5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri.

19 King St, Melbourne – no appointment required

☎: (03) 9611 2412

SKYPE SITES

Youthlaw gives advice via Skype to some regional locations. Please contact the youth centre below to find out when you can drop-in or make an appointment.

Cobram

Uniting Care Cutting Edge
Pine Street, Cobram

☎: (03) 5872 2814

Geelong West

Barwon Youth
25 Gordon Avenue, Geelong West

☎: (03) 5221 4466

Hastings

Shed 11
11 Marine Parade, Hastings

☎: (03) 5950 1666

Healesville

Outer East Youth Connections
244 Maroondah Highway, Healesville

☎: (03) 5962 3788

Mt Eliza

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood Centre
90-100 Canadian May Road, Mt Eliza

☎: (03) 9787 8160

Rosebud

Rosebud Youth Lounge
1 Nepean Plaza, Rosebud

☎: (03) 5986 3585

Seymour

The Bridge Youth Service
Moyle St, Seymour

☎: (03) 5799 1298

Shepparton

The Bridge Youth Service
127 Welsford St, Shepparton

☎: (03) 5831 2390

Uniting Care Cutting Edge
135 Maude St, Shepparton

☎: (03) 5831 6157

Ringwood

Outer East Youth Connections
100 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood

☎: (03) 9847 0763

OTHER LEGAL SERVICES

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

This service is for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. You can get legal advice and information on most areas of the law.

☎: 1800 064 865 or 9418 5999

🌐: www.vals.org.au

Victoria Legal Aid - Legal Help

Legal Help is a telephone service where you can get information on most legal problems, receive a referral to a legal service or make an appointment to see a lawyer at Victoria Legal Aid.

☎: (03) 9269 0120

1800 677 402 (country callers)

🌐: www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Community Legal Centres

Community legal centres provide free legal information to their local community. Depending on the centre you can either speak to a lawyer by making an appointment or by attending one of their drop-in clinics.

To find your local community legal centre call the Federation of Community Legal Centres who will refer you to your local centre.

Federation of Community Legal Centres

☎: (03) 9652 1500

🌐: www.communitylaw.org.au

There are a number of specialist legal centres in Victoria that provide assistance. Contact the service that best matches your legal problem.

Centrelink issues

Social Security Rights Victoria

☎: (03) 9416 1111

🌐: www.ssrv.org.au

Consumer protection issues

Consumer Action Law Centre

☎: (03) 9629 6300

🌐: www.consumeraction.org.au

Employment issues

Job Watch

☎: (03) 9662 1933

1800 331 617 (country callers)

🌐: www.jobwatch.org.au

Domestic Violence and family issues

Women's Legal Service Victoria

☎: (03) 9642 0877

🌐: www.womenslegal.org.au

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria

☎: (03) 9322 3555 (24 hours)

1800 015 188 (country callers)

Disability and Discrimination issues

Disability & Discrimination Legal Service

☎: (03) 9654 8644

🌐: www.communitylaw.org.au/clc_ddls

Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service

☎: (03) 5229 2925

1800 014 111

🌐: www.villamanta.org.au

Immigration issues

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

☎: (03) 9326 6066

🌐: www.asrc.org.au

Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre

☎: (03) 9413 0100

🌐: www.rilc.org.au

International students

International Student's Legal Centre

☎: (03) 9391 2944

🌐: www.wsls.org.au/islac

Homeless or at risk of homelessness

Homeless Persons Legal Clinic

☎: (03) 8636 4408

1800 606 313

🌐: www.pilch.org.au/hplc/

Mental health issues

Mental Health Legal Service

☎: (03) 9629 4422

🌐: www.communitylaw.org.au/mentalhealth

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Rental issues

Tenant's Union of Victoria

☎: (03) 9416 2577

🌐: www.tuv.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

Click 'email' at:

🌐: www.youthlaw.asn.au/services/

LawMail

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

🌐: www.lawstuff.org.au/vic_law/Lawmail/

FINDING LEGAL INFORMATION

Youthlaw

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

🌐: www.youthlaw.asn.au/resources

Lawstuff

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

🌐: www.lawstuff.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/youthissues.htm

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

The Law Handbook Online

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

🌐: www.lawhandbook.org.au

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