

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

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

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

Rental issues

Tenant's Union of Victoria

Ph: (03) 9416 2577

www.tuv.org.au

Consumer protection issues

Consumer Action Law Centre

Ph: (03) 9629 6300

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

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

Disability

Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service

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

www.villamanta.org.au

Disability Discrimination Legal Service

Ph: (03) 9654 8644

www.ddls.org.au

Immigration issues

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Ph: (03) 9326 6066

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

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

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

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

www.lawhandbook.org.au