

Online and remote resources available from Legal Aid BC

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All Legal Aid BC websites are being updated with the most current information on how **COVID-19** is affecting the law as new information becomes available.



Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC - https://aboriginal.legalaid.bc.ca/

Up-to-date legal information, links to community-based resources and publications for indigenous people. The site deals with issues such as child protection, child and family rights, on-reserve issues, information about First Nations/Indigenous Courts, and more. It also features personal stories based on actual experiences from Indigenous people who share how Legal Aid helped them.



Family Law in BC - https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/

Information and step-by-step guides on family law in BC. Learn about your rights and responsibilities and find out how you can solve your family law issues. Topics covered include abuse, adoption, child protection/removal, common-law relationships, custody & access, divorce & separation, child support, and spousal support.

Guides - https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/guides

Step-by-step guides break down complicated legal processes so that you can do them yourself. Guides cover a range of topics including doing your own divorce, setting aside agreements, completing court forms, starting a family law case, and more.

LiveHelp

Start a real-time chat with our legal information experts by clicking on the chat button on the top right of the homepage. They'll help find the information your need to solve your legal issue. If they can't find the answer to your question then they'll refer you to someone who can. LiveHelp is staffed by Legal Aid BC's Legal Information Outreach Workers and volunteer law students.

Familylawinguiries@lss.bc.ca

This email is monitored by a lawyer who will provide legal information for family law questions. Responses are not immediate and reply time depends on volume.

COVID-19 court info - https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/coronavirus-updates

Up-to-date information on how COVID-19 is affecting family law in BC. This includes information in the delivery of services and how to access the courts.

COVID-19 FAQs - https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/coronavirus-and-law-your-questions-answered

A collection of FAQs related to COVID-19 and the current period of self-isolation. While focused on family law, these FAQs will also cover other aspects of the law such as foreclosure.



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Legal Aid BC - https://legalaid.bc.ca/

Legal Aid BC's corporate website and source for all information on available services.

Free publications - https://legalaid.bc.ca/publications

More than a hundred free publications to help you learn about the law. These can be downloaded as PDFs or free print copies can be ordered.

Publications are often offered in multiple languages and cover a range of legal issues including welfare, family law, immigration, criminal, and housing and tenancy.

Service announcements - https://legalaid.bc.ca/legal aid

Changes to Legal Aid BC services are detailed on this page.



MyLawBC - https://mylawbc.com/

Help for common legal problems that's specific to each user's situation. Topics covered include separation & divorce, getting family court orders, and responding to family court orders; abuse & family violence; foreclosure; and wills and personal planning.

Guided pathways

Answer a series of questions about your situation, and based on your answers the site will determine what information you need. Receive an action plan that breaks down the next steps you need to take so that you can resolve your legal issue, and links you to the resources you'll need.

Dialogue Tool - https://mylawbc.com/tools/

An online negotiation platform that allows separated and divorcing couples to write a separation agreement. Both parties answer questions about what they want from the agreement and then the tool creates a custom separation agreement template that they then complete.

Family Resolution Centre - https://mylawbc.com/mediation/

An online tool to help create a parenting plan that outlines how parents going through a separation or a divorce will raise their children. Parents are given the tools and information they need to work together to create this plan. If they need help, five hours of online mediation from professional mediators will be provided for free.

Note: any questions about technical issues with the site should be directed to mylawbc@lss.bc.ca.



The Factum - http://factum.mylawbc.com/

A blog dedicated to updates on public legal information and education materials. Find out all the latest on publications, updates to websites, and new online services. Also features important announcements about legal aid services.