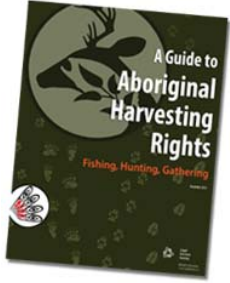


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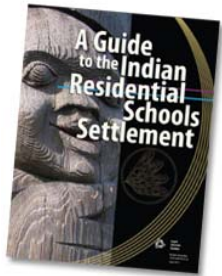
A Guide to Aboriginal Harvesting Rights - Fishing, Hunting, Gathering



This booklet provides detailed, easy-to-understand information on Aboriginal harvesting rights. It explains what your options are if you've been charged with a harvesting offence (such as illegally hunting or fishing), including where to get legal help. The booklet also tells you what happens in court during a harvesting rights trial, and what you can expect from your lawyer.

Published Date: 20/01/2015
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

A Guide to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement



This booklet provides comprehensive, easy-to-understand information on the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The booklet explains to Indian residential school survivors what their options are under the settlement agreement, and includes information on the Common Experience Payment (CEP) and the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) — including how to apply — as well as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The booklet also has information on who can help survivors with the application process, how to get legal help, and where to get emotional help and support.

Published Date: 01/08/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Online only
Language: English

A Guide to Wills and Estates on Reserve



A guide for advocates that explains wills and estates under provincial law and under the Indian Act, including what makes a will legally valid.

Published Date: 01/01/2011
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Aboriginal Child Protection Fact Sheets: Understanding Aboriginal Child Protection/Removal Matters



This fact sheet describes what Aboriginal parents and their communities can do in Aboriginal child protection cases. BC law says that if any child is at risk, they must be removed from their home; it also says that Aboriginal cultural ties are important to the well-being of Aboriginal children. Written in plain language, the fact sheet also contains an area for writing the details of your case.

Published Date: 01/08/2008
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal

Aboriginal Child Protection Fact Sheets: Understanding Aboriginal Delegated Agencies



This fact sheet provides an overview of Aboriginal delegated agencies and their potential role in Aboriginal child protection matters. Aboriginal delegated agencies are part of the Ministry of Children and Family Development and provide child welfare services. Aboriginal delegated agencies are part of an effort to restore the responsibilities of child protection and family support to Aboriginal communities. Written in plain language, the fact sheet also contains an area for writing the details of your case.

Published Date: 01/11/2009
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal Child Protection Fact Sheets: Understanding Child Protection Mediation for Aboriginal Families



This fact sheet has information in plain language about child protection mediation, how it can help Aboriginal families, and how to find a mediator.

If a social worker from the ministry (or an Aboriginal delegated agency) contacts you to ask you questions about your family — or removes your child from your home — you have rights:

- You have the right to get a lawyer. Call Legal Aid immediately to find out if you qualify for a free lawyer.
- You have the right to be involved in decisions about your child. A mediator can help you work with the ministry.

Published Date: 01/01/2015
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal Child Protection Fact Sheets: Understanding Court Orders and Hearings



This fact sheet describes many of the court orders and hearings involved in child protection cases. It is written in plain language and contains an area for writing notes about the details of your case. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal Child Protection Fact Sheets: Understanding the Extended Family Program



This fact sheet provides information in plain language about the Extended Family Program.

If a social worker removes your children from your home because you're temporarily unable to take care of them, you can ask to have family or friends care for them under the program. This means that instead of going into foster care, your children will stay with someone they know

Published Date: 01/06/2013
Format: Fact Sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal

Aboriginal Child Protection Process: Information for Aboriginal Parents and Communities



This poster gives a step-by-step overview of the Aboriginal child protection process and the rights of Aboriginal children and families. The poster:

- informs Aboriginal parents of their right to get a lawyer as soon as they've been contacted by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (or an Aboriginal delegated agency) about a child protection issue,
- includes how to contact legal aid to find out if you qualify for a free lawyer.

This flow chart also appears in Parents' Rights, Kids' Rights, which has a chapter for Aboriginal families. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Flowchart
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Aboriginal child protection wallet cards



This wallet card informs Aboriginal parents of their right to get a lawyer as soon as the Ministry of Children and Family Development (or an Aboriginal delegated agency) has contacted them about a child protection issue. Includes how to contact Legal Aid to find out if you qualify for a free lawyer.

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Format: Wallet card
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

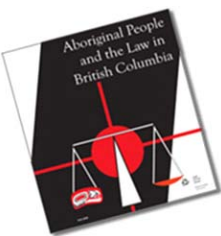
Aboriginal Harvesting Rights: If You've Been Charged with a Harvesting Offence



This fact sheet is for Aboriginal people who have been charged with a harvesting offence (such as hunting or fishing illegally). The fact sheet explains what Aboriginal harvesting rights are and what you can do if you've been charged with a harvesting offence. The fact sheet also has information on how to get legal help, including how to apply for legal aid, and what other legal options may be available to you (restorative justice, First Nations Court).

Published Date: 01/05/2011
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online Only
Language: English

Aboriginal People and the Law in BC



Comprehensive guide for legal advocates that identifies Aboriginal issues in 19 areas of law, including criminal, family, and consumer law, as well as residential schools, wills and estates, harvesting rights, and housing.

Published Date: 01/06/2006
Format: Manual
Version: Online only
Language: English

Aboriginal

Are You Aboriginal? (Gladue, First Nations Court): Do You Have a Bail Hearing? Are You Being Sentenced for a Crime? Do You Know About First Nations Court?



This fact sheet provides an overview of Gladue rights, which are rights under the Criminal Code that apply to anyone who self-identifies as Aboriginal. The fact sheet explains what these rights mean for Aboriginal people who have a bail hearing or are being sentenced for a crime. The fact sheet also explains what a Gladue report is and provides some basic questions that can help Aboriginal defendants and their lawyers get started on preparing a Gladue report. The fact sheet also provides information on the First Nations Court in New Westminster, including contact information for the First Nations Court duty counsel.

Published Date: 01/02/2011
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Are You Aboriginal? Do You Need Information About Your Legal Rights?



Provides an overview of the Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC website. Includes a preview of the site and how it can help you.

Published Date: 01/12/2014
Format: Poster
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Clear Skies



Clear Skies tells the story of Marnie and her kids who live with family violence. With the support of her community, and by learning her legal options, Marnie is able to leave an abusive relationship. Clear Skies is Marnie's story. This graphic novel introduces you to your legal rights through engaging storytelling and artwork.

Published Date: 01/03/2015
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Estate Administration On-Reserve: A Guide for Executors and Administrators in British Columbia



Provides general information about the routine tasks of administering a simple estate under the Indian Act. See also the Templates Package.

Published Date: 01/10/2011
Format: Booklet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Estate Administration On-Reserve: Templates Package



This Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) booklet contains forms and sample letters to be used only in conjunction with the guide Estate Administration On-Reserve.

Published Date: 01/10/2011
Format: Package
Version: Online only
Language: English

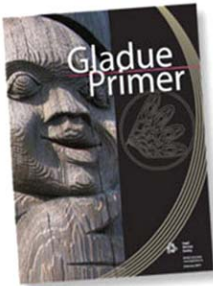
Find Out About Your Legal Rights at the Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC Website



This bookmark provides an overview of the Aboriginal Legal Aid in BC website. Includes a site preview and a list of the types of information and resources on the site to help Aboriginal people understand their legal rights.

Published Date: 01/12/2014
Format: Bookmark
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Gladue Primer



If you self-identify as Aboriginal, you have rights under the Criminal Code often called Gladue rights. Gladue rights refer to the special consideration that judges must give an Aboriginal person when setting bail or during sentencing. This booklet is for Aboriginal defendants who want to know more about their Gladue rights and are working with their lawyer or advocate to prepare a Gladue report. The booklet contains information about Gladue rights, the history of Gladue, and what Gladue means for you. The booklet also has a workbook and resources that will walk you and your lawyer (or advocate) through the process of preparing a Gladue report.

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Version: Online Only
Language: English

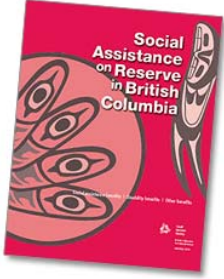
Indian Residential Schools Settlement: The Independent Assessment Process and the Common Experience Payment



This fact sheet is for Indian residential school survivors who want to know what their options are under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The fact sheet explains who is covered by the settlement agreement, and gives information on the Independent Assessment Process and the Common Experience Payment and how to apply to each. The fact sheet also has information on who can help Indian residential school survivors with their settlement agreement claims, including how to get legal help.

Published Date: 01/08/2013
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Social Assistance on Reserve in BC



This booklet explains in plain language:

- who can get social assistance on reserve,
- what benefits are available,
- how to apply for social assistance on reserve,
- your rights and responsibilities while on benefits, and
- how to appeal a decision about your benefits.

The booklet also has comprehensive information on who can help you, how to find an advocate, and where to get more information.

Published Date: 01/01/2014
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Understanding Child Protection Mediation for Aboriginal Families



This fact sheet has information in plain language about child protection mediation, how it can help Aboriginal families, and how to find a mediator.

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Version: Print & Online
Language: English

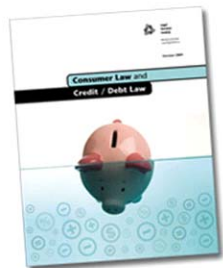
Can't Pay Your Mortgage? What You Can Do If You're Facing Foreclosure



For any homeowner who is about to miss a mortgage payment, has already missed one or more mortgage payments, or has received a Petition to go to court. It explains what homeowners can do when lenders try to take their properties because of missed payments (foreclosure). The booklet lists agencies that can provide information or other kinds of help.

Published Date: 01/01/2015
Format: Booklet
Version: Online Only
Language: English

Consumer Law and Credit/Debt Law



This manual is for paralegals, legal information counsellors, and lawyers with clients who have consumer or debt problems. It covers 46 topics including bankruptcy, creditors, debtors, fraud, harassment, leases, mortgages and foreclosure, payday loans, prepayment rights, recovery of goods, and torts of assault and trespass. Also includes consumer and debtor statutes, case citations, and consumer and debtor resources.

Published Date: 01/07/2009
Format: Manual
Version: Online only
Language: English

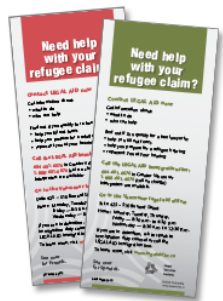
Landlord Guide: Information for Landlords in British Columbia



Summarizes the landlord's rights and responsibilities when renting property in BC. Covers discrimination, condition of the rental unit, tenancy agreements, repairs, rent increases, entering the rental unit, evicting a tenant, and security and pet damage deposits. Published by TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre.

Published Date: 01/01/2007
Format: Booklet
Version: Online only
Language: English, Chinese (traditional), and Punjabi

Need Help with Your Refugee Claim?



This bilingual infocard promotes the legal aid immigration phone line and other legal aid services for refugee claimants.

Published Date: 01/12/2012
Format: Info card
Version: Print & Online
Language: English/French, English/Spanish

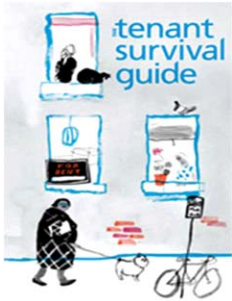
Sponsorship Breakdown



Sponsorship Breakdown is for permanent residents and conditional permanent residents who need help when the person sponsoring them in Canada is no longer supporting them, and they are unable to support themselves. It explains what happens when a sponsorship breaks down, and how to apply for social assistance (welfare). There is also a resource section listing community groups and other help.

Published Date: 01/03/2014
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Tenant Survival Guide



Answers tenants' questions about renting in BC. It covers how to get a landlord to do repairs, how to get a damage deposit back, when a tenant can be legally evicted, how to fight a rent increase, and how to work out problems with a landlord. Published by TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre.

Published Date: 01/11/2012
Format: Booklet
Version: Online Only
Language: English, Chinese (Traditional), and Spanish

Brydges Line wallet card



Provides Brydges Line contact information for individuals who are in police custody, arrested, or detained and want to speak to a lawyer free of charge.

Published Date: 01/06/2009
Format: Wallet card
Version: Online only
Language: English

Defending Yourself: Assault



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with assault and what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty. Also includes sentencing information, how to get legal help, and a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Assault.

Published Date: 01/04/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Defending Yourself: Breach of a Court Order



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with breach of a court order. Includes what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty, sentencing information, and how to get legal help. There is also a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Breach of a Court Order.

Published Date: 01/04/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Defending Yourself: Mischief



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with mischief. Includes what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty, sentencing information, and how to get legal help. There is also a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Mischief.

Published Date: 01/04/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Defending Yourself: Possession of an Illegal Drug



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with possession of an illegal drug. Includes what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty, sentencing information, and how to get legal help. There is also a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Possession of an Illegal Drug.

Published Date: 01/04/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Defending Yourself: Possession of Property Under \$5,000 Obtained by Crime



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with possession of property under \$5,000 obtained by crime. Includes what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty, sentencing information, and how to get legal help. There is also a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Possession of Property Under \$5,000 Obtained by Crime, which is still available in French.

Published Date: 01/04/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Defending Yourself: Theft Under \$5,000



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with theft under \$5,000 and what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty. Also includes sentencing information, how to get legal help, and a flowchart showing how LSS publications can help at each stage of the court process.

Please note that this publication is an updated and redesigned version of What to Do If You Are Charged with Theft Under \$5,000.

Published Date: 01/11/2012
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

How does a court order affect me?



Describes what a court order is and the conditions that must be followed. Also includes what might happen if a court order is breached.

Published Date: 01/06/2009
Format: Info card
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

How to Appeal Your Conviction



Explains how to appeal a conviction for a summary or indictable criminal offence. It is intended for people who may or may not be in custody, but have to conduct an appeal without the help of a lawyer. Explains how to prepare for the appeal. Contains a sample factum and affidavit, and removable blank forms that the applicant can use.

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Language: English

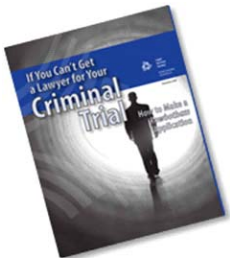
How to Appeal Your Sentence



Explains how to appeal a sentence if someone has been convicted of a summary or indictable criminal offence. It is intended for people who may or may not be in custody, but have to conduct an appeal without the help of a lawyer. Explains how to prepare for the appeal. Contains a sample affidavit and removable blank forms that the applicant can use.

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Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

If You Can't Get a Lawyer for your Criminal Trial



For people facing serious and complex criminal charges who have been denied legal aid but cannot afford a lawyer. Explains why, how, and when to ask the judge to appoint a free lawyer. Includes a checklist of points to cover in court and copies of the necessary court forms.

Published Date: 01/12/2012
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

If You Can't Pay Your Court Fine on Time



Explains what to do if someone cannot pay a court fine on time. Covers the four possible options: paying part of the fine by the due date, asking for an extension, asking for jail time instead, or doing nothing. It also explains what happens if fines are not paid.

Published Date: 01/02/2009
Format: Brochure
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

If You Have A No Contact Order Made Against You



This new, online-only fact sheet explains what it means when the court makes a no contact order against someone involved in a family violence incident. It describes the five types of no contact orders and what might happen if someone breaches the order.

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Format: Fact Sheet
Version: Online Only
Language: English, French

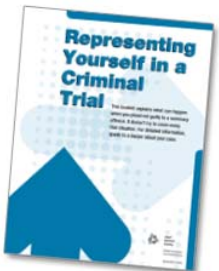
If You're Charged with a Crime



Easy-to-understand information on what happens if someone is charged with a criminal offence. It describes the court process and what the options are. It also outlines the accused person's legal rights, what a lawyer can do, how to find a lawyer, and how to get legal aid or other legal help.

Published Date: 01/03/2015
Format: Brochure
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Representing Yourself in a Criminal Trial



This revised booklet now includes a glossary and a flowchart of LSS publications to help at each stage of the criminal court process.

The booklet explains what can happen when an accused person pleads not guilty to a summary offence. It may help those who decide to represent themselves in court. It contains a checklist to guide the accused through a trial, flow charts of the court process before and at the trial, and a sample letter to Crown counsel.

Published Date: 01/11/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Speaking to the Judge Before You Are Sentenced



Outlines the possible sentences for someone who pleads guilty or a judge finds guilty at trial. Describes what the convicted person can say to the judge before the judge decides on a sentence.

Published Date: 01/06/2014
Format: Brochure
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

What to Do If You Are Charged with a Drinking and Driving Offence



Describes how to defend yourself if you are charged with drinking and driving and what the prosecutor must prove to find you guilty. Also includes sentencing information.

Published Date: 01/08/2012
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

What You Need to Know About Fraud Charges and Social Assistance



This fact sheet explains the serious consequences of being convicted of welfare fraud (either a ban from receiving welfare for one or two years, or even a ban for life).

Published Date: 01/08/2009
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online Only
Language: English, French

Do You Need Divorce, Child Support or Other Family Law Help? (Family Law in BC website poster)



Provides an overview of the Family Law in BC website. Includes a preview of the site and how it can help you, as well as improvements to content and navigation.

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Poster
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Family Law in BC: Quick Reference Tool



This set of postcards introduces the reader to the basics of family law. Each card covers one legal aspect of separation, such as:

- which laws apply,
- how couples can reach agreements, and
- how to deal with issues involving children and money.

The easy-to-understand information and visuals point readers toward next steps and further resources. This reference tool also gives an overview of the way that new BC Family Law Act changes family law (as of March 18, 2013).

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Postcards
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Punjabi, Spanish, online only in French

Find Out the Latest: Family Law in BC website bookmark



This bookmark provides an overview of the Family Law in BC website after March 18, 2013. Includes a site preview and a list of the types of resources you can find on the site to help you with your family law problem.

Published Date: 18/11/2013
Format: Bookmark
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

For Your Protection: Peace Bonds and Family Law Protection Orders



Explains how and when people can apply for peace bonds and family law protection orders, and what the differences are between them. This publication is for women who need protection from violent partners or former partners, but the information applies to anyone in an abusive relationship. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), and Punjabi; online only in French

Guide to the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program: A Handbook for Lawyers



This publication, primarily aimed at lawyers, provides detailed information on the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program (FMEP). Topics include enrolling in the program, obtaining an enforceable order, administrative enforcement, changing an order, and interjurisdictional support orders. The handbook is produced by the BC Ministry of Justice and is also available on the FMEP website.

Published Date: 01/11/2011
Format: Booklet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Guide to the New BC Family Law Act



An introduction to the new BC Family Law Act in effect March 18, 2013. Includes information about:

- family law language changes,
- making agreements to stay out of court,
- dispute resolution,
- parenting arrangements,
- child and spousal support,
- dividing property and debt,
- family law protection orders, and
- moving with children.

Published Date: 01/10/2012
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: Chinese (traditional), Punjabi, and Spanish; online only in Chinese (simplified), English and French

How to Become a Child's Guardian



This fact sheet describes the new BC Family Law Act requirements for anyone applying to court to become a child's guardian. Anyone who wants to become a guardian can apply, including a parent who isn't a guardian, or any other person (relative or non-relative). The fact sheet includes:

- links to the self-help guides on the Family Law in BC website that you can use to help you with the application process, and
- links to additional forms that you need to fill out.

It also contains information about the Extended Family Program.

Published Date: 01/01/2015
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

If You Can't Get Legal Aid for Your Child Protection Case



For people facing a complicated child protection hearing who have been denied legal aid but can't afford a lawyer. Explains why you can ask for a court-appointed lawyer and how to apply. Includes the necessary forms and what to say to the judge in court.

Please note that the French version is under the former title (How to Get a Court-Appointed Lawyer for Your Child Protection Case) and does not include the recent minor updates that are in the English version.

Published Date: 01/02/2015
Format: Booklet
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

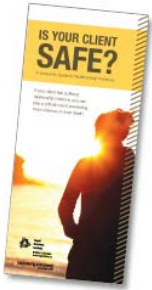
If Your Child Is Taken: Your Rights As a Parent



Explains about child protection law and what parents or guardians can do if the director of Child Welfare removes their child or is planning to remove their child from the home. Describes what happens at court and where to get legal help. Updated to conform with the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

Published Date: 01/07/2014
Format: Brochure
Version: Print & Online
Language: English, online only in French

Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence



This resource for family law lawyers and advocates describes relationship violence, the signs of abuse, and the risk factors. It explains what to do if your client has been victimized, and includes safety planning information, where your client can get help, and where to find further information.

See also the related fact sheet series *Is Your Client Safe?*, which provides more detailed information and resources. See *Abuse & family violence* for a complete list of all the fact sheets.

Published Date: 01/02/2012
Format: Brochure
Version: Print & Online
Language: English

Is Your Client Safe? Fact Sheet Series: Encouraging Disclosure



This fact sheet is part of the *Is Your Client Safe?* series about relationship violence, which supplements the brochure *Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence*. It explains why your client may not disclose relationship violence and provides steps you can take to encourage disclosure.

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Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Is Your Client Safe? Fact Sheet Series: Relationship Violence and Legal Resources



This fact sheet is part of the *Is Your Client Safe?* series about relationship violence, which supplements the brochure *Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence*. It provides resources relating to relationship violence, abuse, and the law.

Published Date: 01/02/2012
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Is Your Client Safe? Fact Sheet Series: Relationship Violence Client Resources



This fact sheet is part of the Is Your Client Safe? series about relationship violence, which supplements the brochure Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence. It provides resources to help your client stay safe and get help with non-legal issues.

Published Date: 01/02/2012
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Is Your Client Safe? Fact Sheet Series: Safety Planning for You and Your Staff



This fact sheet is part of the Is Your Client Safe? series about relationship violence, which supplements the brochure Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence. It provides safety planning steps for your workplace.

Published Date: 01/02/2012
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Is Your Client Safe? Fact Sheet Series: Safety Planning for Your Client



This fact sheet is part of the Is Your Client Safe? series about relationship violence, which supplements the brochure Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer's Guide to Relationship Violence. It gives the steps your client can take to start a safety plan and to remain safe. It also tells you where to go for further information and resources.

Published Date: 01/02/2012
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Online only
Language: English

Live Safe — End Abuse: Getting Help from the Police or RCMP



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains:

- the right to call police for help in abusive situations,
- how police can help, and
- what happens when police arrest an abuser.

It also describes where to get support services and legal help. All fact sheets in this series are folded for display in brochure racks. Note that all (except the Farsi) versions of this fact sheet were updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013). However, the Farsi version (2011) is still accurate.

Published Date: 18/03/2013
Format: Fact sheet
Version: Print & Online
Language: Chinese (Traditional and Simplified), English, Farsi, Punjabi, and Spanish, online only in French.

Live Safe — End Abuse: If Your Sponsor Abuses You



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet describes:

- what newcomers (immigrants) to Canada can do if abused by their sponsors,
- what newcomers to Canada can do when leaving an abusive relationship, and
- what financial help, support services, and legal resources are available.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: Men Abused by Their Partners



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet describes what men can do if abused by their female partners in relationships. The fact sheet explains that abuse can be:

- physical, emotional, or verbal;
- psychological;
- financial; or
- sexual.

The fact sheet also explains the types of abuse that are against the law, and how the police can help, and where to get support services and legal help. All fact sheets in this series are folded for display in brochure. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Live Safe — End Abuse: Parenting



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains the terms used under the BC Family Law Act:

- guardian,
- parenting time,
- parental responsibilities, and
- contact with a child.

Also describes parenting orders and limits on parenting, and lists legal resources. Replaces the fact sheet Custody, Guardianship, and Access. All fact sheets in this series are folded for display in brochure. Conforms with the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Live Safe — End Abuse: Protection Orders



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains:

- peace bonds,
- no contact orders, and
- family law protection orders.

It also lists legal resources and where to get more information about peace bonds and family protection orders.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: Safety Planning



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains what a safety plan is and:

- how to make one for at home,
- how to make one for outside the home, and
- how to make one after leaving an abusive relationship.

It also describes how the police can help and where to get support services and legal help.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: The Criminal Court Process



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains:

- what happens when an abuser faces criminal charges,
- what it means to be a witness in court,
- what happens at a trial, and
- possible sentences.

It also lists resources for more information about being a witness or if children are asked to be witnesses in court. All fact sheets in this series are folded for display in brochure. Note that all (except the Farsi) versions of this fact sheet were updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013). However, the Farsi version (2011) is still accurate.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: What Is Abuse?



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet explains that abuse can be:

- physical, emotional, or verbal;
- psychological;
- financial; or
- sexual.

The fact sheet also explains:

- the types of abuse that are against the law,
- how the police can help, and
- where to get support services and legal help.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: What to Do About Money



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet describes:

- BC and federal government benefit programs,
- spousal/child support, and
- other financial help available when partners separate.

It also explains about dividing family assets, who is responsible for debts, and where to get legal help.

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Live Safe — End Abuse: Women Abused by Their Partners



As part of the Live Safe — End Abuse series about relationship abuse (family violence), this fact sheet describes what women can do if abused by their male partners. It explains abuse can be:

- physical, emotional, or verbal;
- psychological;
- financial; or
- sexual.

The fact sheet also explains the types of abuse that are against the law, how the police can help, and where to get support services and legal help. All fact sheets in this series are folded for display in brochure. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Living Together or Living Apart: Common-Law Relationships, Marriage, Separation, and Divorce



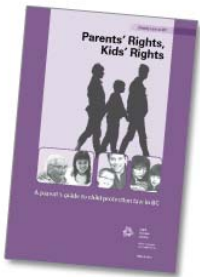
Explains the basics of family law in BC. Includes information about:

- being married or in a marriage-like relationship (also called a common-law relationship),
- what separation and divorce mean,
- how to work out arrangements for parenting if you have children,
- and •how to sort out money matters.

Also explains your legal options and where to get help, and includes a chapter for Aboriginal families. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Parents' Rights, Kids' Rights: A Parent's Guide to Child Protection Law in BC

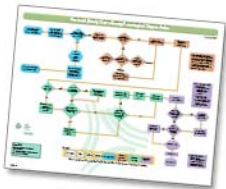


Explains what happens if the director of Child Welfare has concerns about a child's safety or plans to remove a child from the family home. Describes shared decision-making options and what can be decided in court at the presentation and protection hearings. Includes an overview of the child protection process for Aboriginal children and families, legal and community resources, and definitions of terms.

Also includes two flow charts — available as stand-alone pieces — of the child protection process and of the Aboriginal child protection process. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Provincial (Family) Court: Getting Parenting and Support Orders



This poster provides a step-by-step overview of the process for getting orders for parenting and support in Provincial (Family) Court. The poster also includes which forms you need to file. The poster comes in dry-erase lamination. Has been updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

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Safety in Relationships for Trans* Folk



Describes relationship abuse, provides tips for staying safer, dispels common myths, and lists community resources where help is available.

Co-produced with QMUNITY as a resource for members of the trans* community.

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Safety in Same-Gender Relationships



Describes relationship abuse, provides tips for staying safer, dispels common myths, and lists community resources where help is available.

Co-produced with QMUNITY as a resource for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, and queer community.

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Separation Agreements: Your Right to Fairness



Explains the law about the fair division of family property or debt when spouses separate, and what to do if you believe your agreement might be unfair. Provides information about:

- how to prepare a financial statement for court,
- how to manage your case and work with a lawyer, and
- where to get free legal help, including resources on the LSS Family Law in BC website.

Produced in collaboration with West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund (West Coast LEAF) to improve women's access to justice in family law cases.

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Language: Chinese (trad.), Chinese (simp.), English, Punjabi and Spanish, & Tagalog. Online only in French.

Surviving Relationship Violence and Abuse



Outlines what abuse is from a legal perspective and what a woman's legal rights are if she is in an abusive relationship. Updated to conform to the new BC Family Law Act (March 18, 2013).

Explains what women can do to protect themselves and their children, and the kind of help they can get. It includes:

- how to make a safety plan,
- what the police can do,
- how the court process works, and
- how to leave an abusive relationship.

This booklet also has a chapter about violence against Aboriginal women and lists the resources available to them.

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Legal Aid

Find Out About Legal Aid in BC (LSS website bookmark)



This bookmark promotes the Legal Services Society website and social media in general.

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Legal Aid (multilingual poster): Free legal help for people who cannot afford a lawyer



Provides information in English, French, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Spanish, and Farsi about what legal aid is, the services LSS provides, and how and where to apply for legal aid.

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Language: English

Legal Aid Can Help You



Outlines in plain language what legal aid is, and how and where to apply for it. It also lists the phone numbers of legal aid offices in BC.

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Language: English, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Punjabi and Spanish

What You Should Expect from Your Legal Aid Lawyer



Describes the role of a legal aid lawyer and what the client should expect from them. Also explains what someone should do if they are unhappy with the results of their case or their legal aid lawyer.

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Language: Chinese (traditional), English, Farsi, French, Punjabi, Spanish, and Vietnamese