

# Legal Info & Legal Advice Resource List

Do you have questions about?:

- ✓ Emergency protection orders
- ✓ Making parenting arrangements
- ✓ Getting out of a lease
- ✓ Child Support
- ✓ Your rights to the family home
- ✓ Spousal Support
- ✓ Handling debts and expenses
- ✓ What to expect from a court process



# Resource List

## Summary Legal Advice Services (Meeting with a Lawyer for Legal Advice)

These summary Legal Advice appointments are free meeting with a lawyer to get an hour of free legal advice. These lawyers do not write letters or attend court on a client's behalf.

[Summary Advice Counsel](#): Free basic legal advice appointments for family law matters at courthouse.

[African Nova Scotian Justice Institute](#): free legal advice for Black and African Nova Scotians.

[Access Justice Summary Advice](#): Free bilingual summary advice by appointment.

[Nova Scotia Legal Aid Family Law Drop Ins at Halifax Public Library](#): free legal advice at Halifax Libraries.

## Legal Advice and Representation Resources (full legal representation)

[Preparing to Meet with a Family Lawyer](#): Guide for meeting with a family lawyer for the first time.

[Nova Scotia Legal Aid](#): Free legal services for a range of legal issues including family, child protection and criminal law. Includes the child protection early intervention office (Dartmouth).

[Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia Lawyer Referral Service](#): Receive a referral to speak with a lawyer for no more than \$20.

## Legal Information

[Nova Scotia Family Law](#): The website provides information about family law in Nova Scotia including court forms and guides to navigating family court and information on family violence.

[Supporting Survivors: Legal Information Society](#): public legal education website with information for survivors of domestic violence and their supporters.

[Property Division for Common Law Couples](#): Short brochure on the law around property & common law.

[Family Justice Navigation Program](#): Available across the province. Navigators can assist with providing info about the court process, making appropriate referrals and offering support and assisting with safety planning

[Family Law Information Program \(FLIP\) Centres](#): In Halifax and Sydney Courts. The FLIP can help with legal information, court forms, finding a lawyer, services/programs and community resources.

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## Emergency Protection Order Resources

[Emergency Protection Order Pamphlet](#): Information about how to apply for a 30-day emergency protection order.

[Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq Legal Services website](#): information on EPOs and other legal issues on reserve.

[CyberScan and Cyber Protection](#): Information about applying for a Cyber Protection Order for people who have experienced cyber-bullying or had an intimate image shared without their consent. Also includes information about how CyberScan may be able to help find a solution.

## Family Violence Resources

[No Longer on My Own](#): A website for service providers and survivors about family violence and family law including resources, directories, trainings, manuals and more.

[Safely on Your Way](#): A legal information and resource guide for survivors of intimate partner violence and their service providers in Nova Scotia.

[Transition House Association of Nova Scotia \(THANS\)](#): List of transition houses and contact information throughout Nova Scotia.

[Domestic Violence Leave from Work](#): Information about eligibility for domestic violence leave from work for people who have experienced domestic violence.

[Early Lease Termination](#): Information about ending a lease early for people who have experienced domestic violence.

[Information on Immigration Options for Victims of Family Violence](#)

[Peace Bond Navigator Program](#) – Halifax Regional Police

[SPCA Paws and Support Program](#): The SPCA can provide temporary shelter for the pets of survivors of domestic violence. pawssupport@spcans.ca or call 902-835-4798

[Shelter Movers](#): Free moving services for survivors of domestic violence looking to leave abuse.

## Government Benefits and Additional Resources

[Survivors of Gender-based Violence Housing Benefit](#): A benefit for people fleeing GBV. It provides support for eligible survivors and families with financial assistance for housing for up to two years.

[CPP Credit Splitting for Married and Common Law Partners](#): Find information on how to apply to split CPP credits on separation or divorce.