



PLAIN LANGUAGE LEGAL RESOURCES

Legal information can be complicated, so it's important to your patrons to be able to find information in language they can understand. Plain language legal information resources are available online to help British Columbians with their legal problems. You can use these resources to help solve legal reference questions in your library.

This document provides some of the most commonly used plain language legal resources for BC. To find a more complete list of resources, including clickable links, check out our online guide: www.courthouselibrary.ca/lawmatters/plainlanguage

Clicklaw: A directory of plain language legal resources in BC. You can search by topic in the Solve Problems section, search for advocates using the HelpMap and find frequently asked legal questions in Common Questions. Go to Clicklaw: <https://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/>

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Dial-A-Law: Created by the People's Law School, Dial-A-Law offers legal information on a variety of legal topics, including consumer law, businesses, employment, family law, human rights, wills and estates, resolving disputes, court access, and access to legal aid. Users can search by topic or keyword. Go to Dial-A-Law: <https://dialalaw.peopleslawschool.ca/>

People's Law School Q&A:

The People's Law School has also created a list of frequently asked legal questions answered by legal professionals in plain language: Go to People's Law School Q&A: <https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/lawyer-qa>

Family Law in BC:

Maintained by Legal Aid BC, this site covers family law topics such as separation, divorce, parenting & guardianship, child & spousal support, and abuse & family violence. It can be browsed by topic or searched by keyword, and includes step by step guides to court procedures. Go to Family Law in BC: <https://familylaw.lss.bc.ca/>

Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC): TRAC provides legal information about residential tenancies. Their website includes sections on all aspects of tenancy, including: leases, evictions, repairs, and dispute resolution. They also operate the Tenant Infoline, a legal information phone service. The Infoline can be contacted at 604-255-0546 or 1-800-665-1185. Go to TRAC: <http://tenants.bc.ca/>

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