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Who is this Infosheet for?

This Infosheet is designed to give referral and contact information for Community Legal Centres (CLCs) operating in Victoria, specifically those assisting with **family and domestic violence and related legal matters**. CLCs are independent organisations providing free or low-cost legal assistance to members of the community, including legal advice and casework services as well as education and advocacy. If you are unable to afford private legal representation or assistance, CLCs may be able to help you with your legal matter.

If you are experiencing family/domestic violence and need confidential counselling or support, call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or visit

<https://www.1800respect.org.au/>

If you or another person are at immediate risk of harm, call 000.

If you are unsure which CLC may be able to help you, you can call the **Federation of Community Legal Centres (FCLC)** at **(03) 9652 1500** for assistance in finding the right CLC for you.

Please see below for a list of some CLCs and other legal services in Victoria that are **able to assist with dealing with family and domestic violence**.¹ This is not a comprehensive list. The ASRC does not make any endorsements or assurances as to the quality of any legal assistance received from any of the CLCs listed below.

Please note that **a number of CLCs have closed their offices** or are not currently operating or operating with a reduced capacity due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **You should not attempt to visit a CLC's office without checking to see if they are currently open and should not do so if it would be a breach of current COVID-19 isolation or lockdown laws.** Check the relevant CLC's website for more information and call or email before attending an office.

¹ All CLCs listed are registered with the Federation of Community Legal Centres (FCLC). You can learn more about the FCLC's work at the following link: <https://www.fclc.org.au/>

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<p>Djirra</p>	<p>Address: <u>multiple offices across Victoria</u>. Main office located at: 292 Hoddle St Abbotsford, VIC 3067</p> <p>Open to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples seeking legal assistance. Check the website to find your local office.</p>	<p>Assists with: <u>family violence</u> and family law matters, including child protection and Victims of Crime Assistance, and complaints about police or government agencies.</p>	<p>Phone: 1800 105 303 Email: N/A Website: https://djirra.org.au/covid-19/ Website 2 (information for victims): https://djirra.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Family-Violence-Factsheet-28.02.18.pdf</p>
<p>Emma House Domestic Violence Services</p>	<p>Address: 131-133 Kepler St Warrnambool, VIC 3280</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person living in Warrnambool</u> or surrounding suburbs needing legal help or emergency assistance.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing case management services, crisis accommodation, legal advice and assistance, and support for victims of family violence.</p>	<p>Phone: 1800 EMMADV (1800 366 238) Email: reception@emmahouse.org.au Website: https://www.emmahouse.org.au/</p>
<p>Fitzroy Legal Service</p>	<p>Address: 126 Moor St Fitzroy Library Fitzroy, VIC 3065</p> <p>Open to: any person living in the Fitzroy and Darebin regions seeking legal advice or assistance.</p>	<p>Assists with: general legal matters, as well as <u>legal advice for family law and family violence</u> matters.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9419 3744 Email: enquiries@fitzroy-legal.org.au Website: www.fitzroy-legal.org.au</p>
<p>InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence</p>	<p>Address: N/A</p> <p>Open to: any person identifying as female seeking assistance with family violence or related problems.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing <u>legal support</u> to victims of family violence and working with other organisations to provide personalized financial and medical support.</p>	<p>Phone (family violence support): 1800 755 988 Email: N/A, see form on website in 'Contact Us': https://intouch.org.au/self-referral-form/ Website: https://intouch.org.au/</p>

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Law and Advocacy Centre for Women (LACW)	<p>Address: RMIT Building 152, Level 1, 147-155 Pelham St Carlton, VIC 3053</p> <p>Open to: any person identifying as female within Victoria seeking legal advice or representation in Court.</p>	<p>Assists with: <u>legal representation and advice</u> for women charged with a criminal offence, applying for bail, applying for compensation to the VOCAT, and securing <u>intervention orders</u>.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9448 8930 Email: N/A, see form on website in 'Contact Us': https://lacw.com.au/contact-us/ Website: https://lacw.com.au/</p>
Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)	<p>Address: Melbourne, VIC</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person</u> needing legal advice or assistance about family violence.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing legal support to victims of family violence, such as <u>providing legal advice</u> and helping to obtain <u>family violence intervention orders</u>, or representation in Court. You may also be able to obtain a grant of legal assistance to be able to pay for legal advice or representation.</p>	<p>Phone (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm): 1300 792 387 Email: N/A Website: https://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/family-violence-intervention-orders/get-help Website 2 (information on family violence intervention orders): https://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/family-violence-intervention-orders Website 3 (online legal help chat, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm): https://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/get-legal-services-and-advice/free-legal-advice/get-help-online-with-legal-help-chat</p>
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service	<p>Address: <u>multiple offices across Victoria</u>. Main office located at: 273 High St, Preston, VIC 3072</p> <p>Open to: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples seeking legal assistance. Check the website to find your local office.</p>	<p>Assists with: general legal matters, as well as <u>legal support</u> and assistance for victims of family violence.</p>	<p>Phone (24 Hour Service): 1800 064 865 Email: N/A, see form on website in 'Contact Us': https://www.vals.org.au/contacts/ Website: https://www.vals.org.au/</p>

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Women's Legal Service Victoria	<p>Address: Melbourne, VIC</p> <p>Open to: any person identifying as female within Victoria seeking legal advice or assistance.</p>	<p>Assists with: legal matters relating to <u>family law, family violence and child protection</u>.</p>	<p>Phone: 8622 0600 Phone 2 (free call for rural Victorians): 1800 133 302 In an emergency, call 000. Email: admin@womenslegal.org.au Website: https://www.womenslegal.org.au/</p>
<p>Crisis Support Services (if you need immediate or emergency assistance, such as emergency housing – if you are in danger now, call 000)</p>			
Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria (DVRCV)	<p>Address: Melbourne, VIC</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person</u> seeking help or support in dealing with family or domestic violence.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing referral information and resources to those looking for help to deal with or escape family violence.</p> <p>To find resources and organisations in your area: https://www.dvrcv.org.au/support-services</p>	<p>Phone: N/A Email: N/A Website: https://www.dvrcv.org.au/</p>
Safe Steps	<p>Address: Melbourne, VIC</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person</u> seeking help or support in dealing with family or domestic violence.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing crisis support to victims of family violence, such as referrals to counselling, legal services, or <u>providing emergency accommodation</u> to escape a violent household.</p>	<p>Phone (24/7 Family Violence Response Line): 1800 015 188 Email: safesteps@safesteps.org.au Website: https://www.safesteps.org.au/</p>
VincentCare	<p>Address: Melbourne, VIC</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person</u> seeking help or support in dealing with family or domestic violence.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing crisis support to victims of family violence, such as <u>providing emergency accommodation</u> to escape a violent household.</p>	<p>Phone (to access crisis accommodation): 1800 825 955 Email: N/A Website: https://vincentcare.org.au/our-services/family-violence/</p>

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1800RESPECT	<p>Address: Online</p> <p>Open to: <u>any person</u> seeking help or support in dealing with family or domestic violence.</p>	<p>Assists with: providing <u>online and phone counselling and support</u> as well as helping victims of family violence access services in their area.</p>	<p>Phone (24/7 family violence counselling): 1800 737 732</p> <p>Email: N/A</p> <p>Website: https://www.1800respect.org.au/</p> <p>Website 2 (24/7 online family violence counselling): https://chat.1800respect.org.au/#/welcome</p>
<p>Private Practitioners (lawyers and firms that charge for their services, or who represent people who have a grant from Victoria Legal Aid)</p>			
Cathleen Corridon Family Lawyers	<p>Address: Level 4, 221 Queen St Melbourne, VIC 3000</p> <p>Open to: any person seeking legal help or support for a family law or criminal law matter.</p>	<p>Assists with: <u>family law, family violence and criminal law</u> legal matters, providing legal advice and representation in court.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9600 2300</p> <p>Email: info@corridonsolicitors.com.au</p> <p>Website: http://www.cathleencorridonfamilylawyers.com.au/solicitors/</p> <p>Website 2 (to make an online enquiry): https://corridonsolicitors.leapweb.com.au/make-an-enquiry/</p>
Lampe Family Lawyers	<p>Address: Level 4, 326 William St Melbourne, VIC 3000</p> <p>Address 2 (Craigieburn Office): Shop 27, Craigieburn Plaza, Craigieburn Rd Craigieburn, VIC 3064</p> <p>Address 3 (Melton Office): 83-85 Unitt St Melton, VIC 3337</p> <p>Open to: any person seeking legal help or support for a family</p>	<p>Assists with: exclusively assists with <u>family law and family violence</u> legal matters, providing legal advice and representation in court.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9326 3811</p> <p>Email: enquiries@lampe.com.au</p> <p>Website: https://www.lampe.com.au/</p>

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Marcou & Associates	Address: 213 Hampshire Rd Sunshine, VIC 3030 Open to: any person seeking legal help or support for a family law or criminal law matter.	Assists with: exclusively assists with <u>family law and family violence</u> , and wills and powers of attorney legal matters, providing legal advice and representation in court.	Phone: (03) 9312 0039 Email: info@marcoulawyers.com.au Website: https://info694491.wixsite.com/mysite
Peter Lynch Lawyer	Address: Level 1, 2 Cramer St Preston, VIC 3072 Open to: any person seeking legal help or support for a family law or criminal law matter.	Assists with: <u>family law and family violence</u> legal matters, providing legal advice and representation in court.	Phone: 0411 199 288 Email: info@peterlynchlawyer.com.au Website: http://www.peterlynchlawyer.com.au/
VM Family Lawyers	Address: 361 High St Northcote, VIC 3070 Open to: any person seeking legal help or support for a family law or family violence matter.	Assists with: <u>family law and family violence</u> legal matters, providing legal advice and representation in court.	Phone: (03) 9481 0777 Email: admin@vmfl.com.au Website: https://www.vmfamilylawyers.com.au/about-us/

How can I get specialised legal assistance?

If you need legal help with a particular area of law, there are specialist CLCs that may be able to provide you with legal advice or representation.

- If you need help with a criminal law matter (such as dealing with criminal charges or infringements made against you), see our **'HRLP Infosheet – CLC Referral Sheet (Criminal Law)'**.
- If you need help with general legal matters, see our **'HRLP Infosheet – CLC Referral Sheet (Vic)'**.

Disclaimer: This fact sheet provides general information to people seeking asylum in Australia through the onshore protection visa application process according to the law in July 2021. This fact sheet is not legal advice. You should not rely on this fact sheet to make decisions about your immigration matter. We strongly recommend that you get independent advice from a qualified legal practitioner or a registered migration agent. For information please visit: <https://www.mara.gov.au>.

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