

# Legal Support Available - Victoria

**Peninsula Community Legal Centre:** At PCLC we offer free legal advice, ongoing support and representation to people who live, work or study in the municipalities of Frankston, Casey, Cardinia, Glen Eira, Kingston and Mornington Peninsula.  
Phone (03) 9783 3600 or Email [pclc@pclc.org.au](mailto:pclc@pclc.org.au)

## How Can Our Lawyers Help Someone Experiencing Family Violence?

### **Advice:**

Your client can talk to us in a safe, completely confidential setting about everything that is going on for them. We can help identify all the legal problems connected to their experience and lay out the legal options available.

All our staff are committed to take a trauma informed, client-centred and strengths-based approach to their practice.

As they are giving the advice, our lawyers are able to assess the needs and complexity of the case to determine whether we could provide ongoing legal support in the circumstances.

Even if we can't offer ongoing support to a particular client, people can come back for further advice through intake if they need.

### **Ongoing Support:**

We can provide help with preparing legal paperwork, filling in forms, understanding processes and compiling evidence.

Even if someone is self-representing in Court, we can give significant support from the background.

### **Representation:**

We can take on someone's case and represent them in the Magistrates Court for IVO matters.

We can act for someone in the Federal and Family Circuit Court on family law matters including parenting orders, property settlement and more.

We can also provide casework and representation in a range of other legal areas.

**We don't make decisions for your client.**

**We apply the law to their circumstances and give them all their options.**

**They are in control of the choices they make for their own life.**

**We act on their instructions.**

## Other Services Available:

### **Women's Legal Service Victoria**

Legal help for women about family law, child protection and domestic and family violence.

Phone 1800 133 302 or Email [admin@womenslegal.org.au](mailto:admin@womenslegal.org.au)



### **Victoria Legal Aid**

Legal help with family, criminal and civil law problems.

Phone 1300 792 387 or Message Online via Legal Help Chat at <https://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/>

### **Community Legal Centres**

Legal help provided by not-for-profit community organisations.

Find your local Community Legal Centre at [https://www.fcl.org.au/find\\_a\\_community\\_legal\\_centre](https://www.fcl.org.au/find_a_community_legal_centre).

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## Specialist Services:



### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services:

- **Djirra**

Legal help and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced family violence. Services in Melbourne, Warrnambool, Gippsland and Mildura.

**Phone 1800 105 303 or Email: [info.afvls@djirra.org.au](mailto:info.afvls@djirra.org.au)**

- **Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service**

Legal help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including 24 Hour On-Call Advice line. Services in Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Bairnsdale, Mildura, Heywood, Shepparton, Morwell and Swan Hill.

**Phone 1800 064 865 or Email: [vals@vals.org.au](mailto:vals@vals.org.au)**



### Legal support for Migrants, Refugees and CALD Community:

- **PCLC Migration Clinic**

Our clinic can offer free legal advice, assistance and representation to support family violence victim survivors who have applied for or hold a Partnership Visa tied to their perpetrator.

**Phone (03) 9783 3600 or Website [migration@pclc.org.au](mailto:migration@pclc.org.au).**

- **InTouch**

Multicultural Centre against Family Violence Legal help for migrants and refugees who have experienced domestic and family violence.

**Phone 1800 755 988 or Email: [intake@intouch.org.au](mailto:intake@intouch.org.au)**



### Tenancy:

- **PCLC Tenancy Assistance & Advocacy Program**

Our TAAP Program assist clients with free legal advice and casework across a larger catchment area than our other services.

This area is made up of:

- o Bayside Peninsula Region – municipalities of Bayside, Frankston, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Mornington Peninsula; and
- o Southern Melbourne Region – municipalities of Cardinia, Casey and Greater Dandenong.

**Phone (03) 9783 3600 or Email [pclc@pclc.org.au](mailto:pclc@pclc.org.au).**

- **Tenants Victoria**

- Renter support line: Calls are answered by lawyers, advocates and intake workers with specialist knowledge of Victorian rental laws. **Phone (03) 9416 2577 (Private renters). Phone 1800 068 860 (Social housing renters)**
- Community worker line: Free advice or support for workers at not-for-profit organisations assisting people who rent in Victoria. **Email: [admin@tenantsvic.org.au](mailto:admin@tenantsvic.org.au) with the subject line 'Organisation enquiry' (03) 9411 1444**



### LGBTIQ+ :

- **Q+Law**

New state wide LGBTIQ+ legal service, providing free targeted legal assistance for LGBTIQ+ Victorians.

**You can contact this service via email: [Qlawadmin@fls.org.au](mailto:Qlawadmin@fls.org.au)**