

Common Referral Resources

Organization	Summary of Organization
Access Pro Bono 604-878-7400 https://accessprobono.ca/ Amici Curiae (AC) Friends of Court 778-522-2839 https://www.legalformsbc.ca/#/	Operates a number of free summary advice clinics around BC. Call or visit website to locate local clinic. Also operates a number of more specialized clinics and programs including employment, housing, and mental health. AC Friends of court offers free services to help clients complete their legal forms (including human rights complaints) and prepare for virtual appearances.
BC211/VictimLink Dial or call 211/ 1-800-563-0808 Email help@bc211.ca or VictimLinkBC@BC211.ca https://bc211.ca/	A toll-free, confidential, and multilingual service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week across the province. provides information and referral services to all victims of crime and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence, including victims of human trafficking exploited for labour or sexual services.
BC Human Rights Clinic 604-622-1100/1-855-685-6222 Email: IntakeBCHRC@clasbc.net https://bchrc.net/	Provides free legal advice from human rights lawyers or legal advocates regarding the BC Human Rights Tribunal. May also provide legal representation for accepted BCHRT complaints.
BC Human Rights Tribunal 604-775-2000/1-888-440-8844 Email: BCHumanRightsTribunal@gov.bc.ca http://www.bchrt.bc.ca/ BC Transition Houses	Administrative body that deals with human rights complaints in BC. Transition Houses and Transition House
1-800-563-0808 (VictimLink) Text: 604.863.6381 TTY: 604.875.0885 https://bcsth.ca	support workers

Canadian Human Rights Commission	Investigates and tries to settle human
_	rights complaints that arise under the
1-888-214-1090	Canadian Human Rights Act (federally
Email: Info.com@chrc-ccdp.gc.ca	regulated organizations). Will refer
https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en	cases to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal.
Canadian Human Rights Tribunal	The administrative body that decides
https://www.chrt-tcdp.gc.ca/index-en.html	whether a person/organization has engaged in discriminatory practice under the Canadian Human Rights Act. Only reviews cases referred to it by the CHRC.
Clicklaw	Website with self-help resources for a
https://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/	wide range of legal issues, including family, immigration, employment, human rights, welfare, and pension.
Crisis Lines in BC	Crisis lines for anyone in BC who is in distress. The main crisis line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Both 310-6789
https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/get-help/	
Anywhere in BC 1-800-SUICIDE/1-800-784-2433	and 1-800-SUICIDE are available in over
Mental Health Support: 310-6789	140 languages.
KUU-US Aboriginal Crisis Line: 800-588-8717	
Vancouver Coastal Region: 604-872-3311	
Sunshine Coast/Sea to Sky: 1-866-661-3311	
Seniors Distress Line: 604-872-1234	
Dial-A-Law	Website with self-help resources for a
https://dialalaw.peopleslawschool.ca/	wide range of legal issues, including family, immigration, crime, employment, human rights, wills, welfare, and pension.
Employment Insurance Benefits and Leave	Website for applying for Employment
https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html	Insurance. Includes links to regular benefits, sickness benefits, and access to finding a job.
Employment Standards BC	Administers the Employment Standards
1-800-663-3316	Act and Regulation which sets minimum standards for wages and working
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-	conditions. Investigates complaints
<u>business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards</u>	about employment standards in BC.

Federal Labour Program	The federal Labour Program accepts
https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/workplace/federal-	labour standards complaints on
labour-standards/filing-complaint.html	employment conditions for hours of work, payment of wages, leaves, vacation,
	holidays, and unjust dismissals. These
	standards apply to employees working in
	federally regulated industries and
	workplaces.
Hope for Wellness Helpline	Service across Canada offering immediate
24/7 helpline 1-855-242-3310	mental health counselling and crisis
https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/	intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. The counsellors can also
Include online chat counselling	work with client to find other wellness
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Law Student Legal Clinics	Student law clinics provide free legal
LSLAP University of BC	services and representation to low-income
604-822-5791	clients. Each clinic provides services in various areas. See clinic websites for
https://www.lslap.bc.ca/	details.
The Law Centre - University of Victoria	
250-385-1221	
https://www.uvic.ca/law/about/centre/index.php	
The Thompson Rivers University Community Legal Clinic 778-471-8490	
https://www.tru.ca/law/students/outreach/Legal Clinic.html	
Legal Services Society Publications	Free legal education booklets in different legal topics. Booklets are available in
604-408-2172	different languages.
Toll Fee: 1-866-577-2525	american ganges
https://lss.bc.ca/publications/available	
Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC	If you're Aboriginal, this association may
604-985-5355,	be able to help you get legal information.
Toll Free: 1-877-811-1190	
https://nccabc.ca/	
People's Law School	A non-profit society in BC making the law
https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/	accessible to everyone. They provide free
	education and information to help people
	effectively deal with the legal problems

PovNet	Website helps find advocates for anti-
https://www.povnet.org/	poverty issues in BC. Includes housing,
SHARP Workplaces	employment benefits, and family. Online hub for resources relating to sexual
https://sharpworkplaces.org/	harassment in the workplace. This includes training and information for employers and workers.
Tenant Resources and Advisory Centre (TRAC)	Promotes the legal protection of
604-255-0546/ 1-800-665-1185	residential tenants across BC by providing
https://tenants.bc.ca/	information, education, support, and advocacy on residential tenancy matters.
Trans Care BC	Supports the delivery of equitable and
604-675-3647/1-888-999-1514	accessible care, surgical planning, resources, and peer/community support
transcareteam@phsa.ca	for trans people across BC.
http://www.phsa.ca/transcarebc/	
Trans Lifeline	Is a peer support phone service run by
1-877-330-6366	trans people for trans and questioning peers. The client does not need to be in
https://translifeline.org/hotline/	crisis to call the number
WorkBC	Provide information regarding
https://www.workbc.ca/	employment service, job posting, and training/education. There are also resources for specific demographics of potential workers. WorkBC Centres available throughout the province.
Workers' Advisers Office	Provides free advice and assistance to
604-335-5931 / 1-800-663-4261	workers and dependents on disagreements they have with
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-	WorkSafeBC decisions.
<u>business/employment-standards-advice/personal-injury-and-workplace-safety</u>	
WorkSafe BC	Statutory agency working as BC's workers'
1-888-967-5377 for Claims	compensation insurer. Administers claims
https://www.worksafebc.com/en	relating to injuries or diseases sustained at work. Works to promote good employment practices in BC and can advise on general health & safety concerns.

WorkSafeBC Prevention Line

604-276-3100 in the Lower Mainland, or 1-888-621-7233 toll-free from elsewhere in BC.

https://www.worksafebc.com/en

WorkSafe provides information and guidance on occupational health and safety regulations. Workers can also call in to report or discuss workplace-related health and safety concerns.

The number of resources available may vary based on the issue and geographic location. Lawyers may contact SHARP Workplaces (<u>SHARPWorkplaces@clasbc.net</u>) for additional, specific referrals for clients.