

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES



NEED A LAWYER? CALL US

Legal Aid Ontario offers a variety of legal services and is committed to helping people who are experiencing domestic violence. Call us toll-free at **1-800-668-8258** to find out how we can help.

You may want to share information with us about your situation because:

- we can give you legal advice or refer you to a lawyer.
- your information will help us better understand your legal needs. You will not be asked a lot of personal questions about the abuse.
- we can give you information and referrals to other services that can help you.

Please note: Any information that you give Legal Aid Ontario will be kept private, unless you give us permission to share the information with someone like a staff member at a shelter for abused women or a counsellor.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

You may qualify for help from a family lawyer to help change an existing family court order or with a contested issue. *You will likely qualify if your annual gross family income is lower than the following amounts.*

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS	INCOME MUST BE LOWER THAN
1	\$22,720
2	\$32,131
3	\$39,137
4	\$45,440
5+	\$50,803

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence may include physical and sexual abuse as well as non-physical abuse such as financial and emotional abuse.

Domestic violence can include hitting, pushing, insults, slapping, put-downs, repeated phone calls, and unwanted visits to your home.

It could also include threats to harm you, your children, other family members or pets.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CALL THE ASSAULTED WOMEN'S HELPLINE AT 1-866-863-0511.

The Assaulted Women's Helpline can refer you to your nearest local shelter.

If you are in need of immediate legal help, Legal Aid Ontario offers two hours free with a lawyer at some shelters and legal clinics. Please ask your local shelter or legal clinic if they offer this service.