

WHAT IS **GLADUE?**

Gladue refers to a right that First Nation, Métis and Inuit have under the law.

Every criminal court in Canada is required to take into consideration an Aboriginal person's background and alternatives to jail when someone is being sentenced for a crime. Courts in Ontario must also consider a person's Aboriginal background and *Gladue* principles at bail hearings.

Your lawyer has a duty to explain *Gladue* to you and what it means for your case.

In many parts of Ontario, you can ask to have a ***Gladue* report** written before sentencing. These reports contain information on your background, which the court can take into consideration during sentencing – including offering alternatives to imprisonment.

To find out more about *Gladue* and your rights, speak to your lawyer.



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