

Legal Health Check

A few simple steps can help to improve your legal health.

By knowing your rights and knowing where to go for help, you can avoid, reduce or resolve your legal problems. This can save money, time and stress.

Are you a Community Member?

A legal health check can help you identify whether your problem is a legal problem.

If you answer yes to any of these questions, one of our Community Lawyers may be able to help.

Are you a Community or Support Worker?

A legal health check can help you identify whether your client's problem is a legal problem. If your client answers yes to any of these questions, one of our Community Lawyers may be able to help.

You can contact us to discuss the best referral pathway for your client.

Below are some everyday life problems that most people face at some time in their life. Please tick all that apply to you.

Your Family - Do you need help with:

- Arrangements, plans or orders about children?
- Child support payments or paternity?
- Your rights in any personal relationship, including divorce or separation?

Your Safety - Do you need help with:

- Family Violence Intervention Orders you have or are subject to?
- Personal Safety Intervention Orders you have or are subject to?
- Another person's behaviour that is harmful or makes you feel unsafe?

Your Money

- Are you unsure if you are receiving the appropriate Centrelink benefits?
- Is anyone chasing you for money?
- Do you have payments due or unpaid accounts?
- Do you have any unpaid fines?

Your Housing

- Have you recently been evicted?
- Have you had trouble getting your bond returned?
- Did you leave any belongings behind at recent accommodation?
- Do you have any unpaid rent?
- Are you on any tenancy blacklists?

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Your Decision Making

- Does someone else or an organisation look after your personal or health affairs?
- Does someone else or an organisation make decisions about your money?
- Would you like to change or review any of these arrangements?

Your rights with Police

- Do you have any paperwork asking you to attend court?
- Do you want to deal with any outstanding Warrants?

If you ticked any of the above options you may have a legal issue. You would benefit from speaking with one of our community lawyers. You can contact us by:

Phone: 1300 430 599 **Email:** bcls@barwoncls.org.au

Request an Appointment Online:

<https://www.barwoncommunitylegal.org.au/contact-us/request-an-appointment/>

Visiting our office: Level 1, 63 Thomson Street, Belmont VIC 3216

Preparing for Your Appointment

Once we have confirmed your eligibility and completed a conflict check we will book an appointment with a lawyer at a time that suits you.

You will also be asked to bring any paperwork about your matter to the appointment or, if you are receiving phone advice, to supply copies of this paperwork prior to the appointment.

Providing paperwork prior to your appointment will help you to get the most out of your time with our lawyer and may avoid the need for a follow-up appointment. Sometimes a lawyer may not be able to provide advice without this paperwork.

This Legal Health Check is also available as online form on our website at:

<https://www.barwoncommunitylegal.org.au/legal-health-check/>

We would like to acknowledge the work of QPILCH and NACLC who have developed the Legal Health Check. Further resources can be found at <http://legalhealthcheck.org.au/>