



PLAIN LANGUAGE LEGAL RESOURCES

Legal information can be complicated, so it's important to your patrons to be able to find information in language they can understand. Plain language legal information resources are available online to help British Columbians with their legal problems. You can use these resources to search for reliable and understandable BC-focused legal information for your patrons.

This document provides some of the most commonly used plain language legal resources for BC. To find a more complete list of resources, including clickable links, check out our online guide: www.courthouselibrary.ca/lawmatters/plainlanguage

Clicklaw: A directory of plain language legal resources in BC. You can browse by legal topic, search by keyword, find legal help options using the Legal Services tab and find frequently asked legal questions in Common Questions. Go to Clicklaw: <https://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/>

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Dial-A-Law: Created by the People's Law School, Dial-A-Law offers legal information on a variety of legal topics, including consumer law, businesses, employment, family law, human rights, wills and estates, resolving disputes, court access, and access to legal aid. Users can search by topic or keyword. Go to Dial-A-Law: <https://dialalaw.peopleslawschool.ca/>

People's Law School Q&A:

The People's Law School has also created a list of frequently asked legal questions answered by legal professionals in plain language: Go to People's Law School Q&A: <https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/lawyer-qa>

Family Law in BC:

This site covers family law topics such as separation, divorce, parenting & guardianship, child & spousal support, and abuse & family violence. It can be browsed by topic or searched by keyword, and includes step by step guides to court procedures. Go to Family Law in BC: <https://www.familylawinbc.ca/>

Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC):

TRAC provides legal information about residential tenancies. Their website includes sections on all aspects of tenancy, including: leases, evictions, repairs, and dispute resolution. They also produce templates, which tenants can use to communicate with landlords on a variety of issues. TRAC also operates the Tenant Infoline, a legal information phone service. Go to TRAC: <http://tenants.bc.ca/>

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