

Free legal help in prison



Easy English version



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

• the word is in blue

• we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

read this book

know what this book is about



• find more information.

What we say



We work on Aboriginal land.

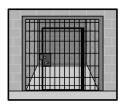


We respect Aboriginal elders.

About this book



This book is by Canberra Community Law.



This book is about where to get free help at the Alexander Maconochie Centre prison.

Who is this book for?



This book can help if you

• live in the ACT

and



• are in prison.

and



• have a legal question.



Legal questions

There is free help in Canberra for many types of legal questions.



You might have a question about

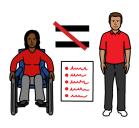
court



housing



your children



 discrimination. Discrimination means you have been treated unfairly because of who you are.



• **Debt**. Debt means you owe money.

For example

- to the bank
- to another person
- for energy bills.

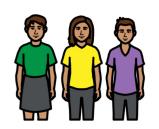


You might have been treated unfairly because of

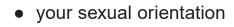
your age



your disability



your gender





your race



where you live.



You may have other legal questions.

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Phone numbers for legal help



Court



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you are a new client and you use a prison phone



#49 if you are a client and you use a prison phone





Call the Aboriginal Legal Service if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



#39 if you use a prison phone



6249 8488 if you do not use a prison phone



Parole

Parole means you leave prison early.

NI MCKENNA TAYLOR

Call McKenna Taylor if you are a woman

6243 5115



Help with housing



Public housing



Call us



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do **not** use a prison phone



Call our Dhurrawang program if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do **not** use a prison phone



Private housing



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone





Debt

There are 3 places you can call for help with debt.



1 Call our Street Law program



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do not use a prison phone



2 Call CARE Financial Counselling Service



#13 if you use a prison phone



1800 007 007 if you do not use a prison phone



3 Call the Consumer Law Centre



6143 0044



Your children





Call the Aboriginal Legal Service if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



#39 if you use a prison phone



6249 8488 if you do not use a prison phone



Call the Women's Legal Centre if you are a woman



#95 if you use a prison phone



6257 4499 if you do **not** use a prison phone



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone







Divorce or separation

Call the Women's Legal Centre if you are a woman



#95 if you use a prison phone



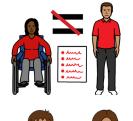
6257 4499 if you do not use a prison phone



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone



Help with discrimination



Disability discrimination



Call us



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do not use a prison phone



Race discrimination for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people



Call Dhurrawang



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do not use a prison phone



Other discrimination



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone





Help with Centrelink



Centrelink is money you get from the government.



Call us



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do not use a prison phone



Call Dhurrawang if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



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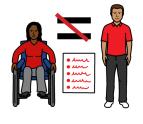


Jobs

You can get help with jobs.

For example,

• if you were fired in an unfair way



• if your boss owes you money



• if your boss owes you **superannuation**.

Superannuation is money that your boss puts away each week for you to use when you retire.



Jobs



Call Street Law



#48 if you use a prison phone



6218 7900 if you do not use a prison phone



Call the Women's Legal Centre if you are a woman



#95 if you use a prison phone



6257 4499 you do not use a prison phone



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone



1300 654 314 if you do not use a prison phone



Help for victims

If you are a victim, it means the crime happened to you.



There is help if you need help to be safe or you have a question about being a victim.



Call Legal Aid



#75 if you use a prison phone



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Call Women's Legal Centre if you are a woman



#95 if you use a prison phone



Notes			

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Canberra Community Law acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work in the ACT and surrounding region and pay our respect to the Ngunnawal elders past, present and future for they hold the stories, traditions, and the cultures of their people. We are grateful that we share this land and express our sorrow for the costs of this sharing to Australia's First Peoples. We will continue to acknowledge the legacy of our history and strive in our goals to empower our community through social justice. We hope that our efforts will contribute to a realisation of equity, justice and partnership with Traditional Custodians of this land.

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