Legal Services Commission 1300 366 424 www.lsc.sa.gov.au

Legal advice line. Free Legal Helpline for information and advice and to speak with a lawyer 9.00am – 4.30pm

Publications Web Page www.lsc.sa.gov.au/publications allows you to access reliable legal information quickly and conveniently that's written in plain-English and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The free service covers more than 60 common legal areas.

The **Criminal Law Practice Division** Provides representation, duty solicitor services, prison advice and an after-hours custody advice service.

The Child Support Unit (08) 8111 5576 or childsupportunit@lsc.sa.gov.au Provides a help line and free legal advice about a range of parenting legal issues. For advice and information telephone to arrange a mutually convenient time to telephone you.

Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) (08) 8111 5511, FSIS@lsc.sa.gov.au The DVU is a wrap-around legal and social support service providing legal advice and representation to women who have experienced domestic violence in the northern regions of South Australia.

Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) (08) 8111 5300 or family.dutylawyer@lsc.sa.gov.au
Provides a duty lawyer and social support services to people with family law matters who have been affected by family violence. The Legal Services Commission SA also has duty lawyers at the Court who are able to assist in matters where the person is not affected by family violence. No appointment is required but priority is given to clients who have a hearing listed in Court that day.

Family Law Conferencing (08) 8111 5534 or FDRsecretary@lsc.sa.gov.au The Family Law Act requires that, in most cases, before a person makes an application to the court for a parenting order, they must attend family dispute resolution. The Legal Services Commission provides a safe, cooperative, confidential and independent dispute resolution process which assists families reach arrangements about children or property following the end of a relationship through the assistance of an accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner. Mediation is at the city office or online via "teams".

Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service. 1800 246 642 www.wdvcas.lsc.sa.gov.au
WDVCAS assists women who have experienced domestic and family violence with a variety of legal issues. WDVCAS attends at metropolitan magistrates courts and also assists at regional courts in Pt. Pirie, Pt. Augusta , Whyalla, Kadina and Mount Gambier. A referred client is assessed and if eligible, is linked to a solicitor who will work through the process. At present, it is 2 weeks to connect with the solicitor.

The **Youth Legal Service 1300 366 424 https://lsc.sa.gov.au/cb_pages/youth_legal_service.php**
A specialist unit of the Legal Services Commission. Lawyers act for young people involved in criminal cases in the Youth Court. Provides a duty solicitor at the youth court and free legal advice over the phone.

Women's Legal Service 1800 816 349 www.wlssa.org.au

The **Legal Information Line** operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am – 4pm. The lines are often busy so leave a detailed message or provide details in their online form.

The **Family Law & Family Violence Program** provides legal assistance to women fleeing family violence who require additional support and assistance. Educating and empowering women enables clients to move forward in their lives while feeling protected and supported by the law. The solicitors in this team are joined by community workers and financial counsellors to better support women to navigate the legal system.

InDIGO 08 8384 2427 www.wlssa.org.au/copy-of-the-womens-specialist-progr

The InDIGO program is a Domestic Violence Unit that assists victims of domestic and family violence in the southern suburbs of Adelaide and provides free and confidential legal information telephone service. The team consist of two full-time Solicitors, a family advocate and financial counsellor. The Christies Beach office is at 40 Beach Road, Christies Beach

The Women's Legal Service provides a rural outreach service to Goolwa and Victor Harbor. Their solicitor visits Victor Harbor for meetings with clients about once a month. To refer, call the above numbers or send an e-mail via the website. The Haven in Goolwa can refer clients.

Southern Community Justice Centre 1300 850 650
www.communityjusticesa.org.au/southern/

Christies Beach Head Office at Colonnades Shopping Centre, Burgess Drive, Noarlunga Centre.

A Community Legal Centre that can assist with a broad range of legal matters. There is no cost for the service but a client eligibility means test will be applied to all people where legal matters require ongoing assistance. Assist with a broad range of legal matters, including family law, criminal law and civil disputes.

FLAGS (Family Law Advocacy and Guidance Services) is a specialist program to deliver legal advice and representation to those who need support with their family law matter. There is also a family advocate to help support clients in managing the complexity of being in the Family Court.

Ongoing assistance and court representation, where relevant, are provided at no cost to eligible clients who cannot afford to pay a private solicitor and do not qualify for a grant of legal aid or if there is an immediate risk of harm to you or your children. Ongoing assistance and court representation, where relevant, are provided at no cost to eligible clients who cannot afford to pay a private solicitor and do not qualify for a grant of legal aid.

Provides a free legal service in Victor Harbor alternate Tuesdays. Provides outreach service to Kangaroo Island every 6-weeks. Strathalbyn appointments available bimonthly. Murray Bridge alternate Wednesdays

Women's Information Service 1800188 158 08 8303 0590 www.wis.sa.gov.au

Information, referral and support by phone and via the WIS Havens and Children's Centres. The **Family Court Support Service** provides trained volunteers who accompany women to the Family Court. Free childcare can be booked through the court.

Mediation / family law

Relationships Australia 1300 364 277 www.relationships.org.au

South Australia. **1800 182 325** www.rasa.org.au

Family Dispute resolution (Mediation) provides an alternative method to end a marriage or long term relationship to the court system and is provided at Relationships Australia SA, Marion, 297 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park Marion. **08 8377 5400**

Centacare Catholic Family Services 8215 6700 https://centacare.org.au

Family dispute resolution is a requirement before application to a court and may be a solution for families living separately. Family Dispute Resolution is offered in person, in the office, or via telephone or zoom. A fee may be charged. Phone or fdr@centacare.org.au

Uniting Communities 1800 615 677 www.unitingcommunities.org/service/legal-services

Uniting Communities Law Centre provides free telephone support to people who need help with family law and/or child support matters and are not eligible for legal aid. The **Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre 1300 735 492** at 38 Beach Rd, Christies Beach provides child and property mediation with a sliding scale of fees

Law student services

Adelaide University Law Clinics https://adelaide.edu.au/partners-and-community/community-engagement/clinics-facilities/adelaide-university-law-clinics/

Adelaide Law School provides free legal advice services for members of the public. Services are staffed by final year law students and supervised by qualified solicitors. The services are confidential, and can assist with legal advice, letters, court documents, and dispute resolution. Book online. Zoom video-conferencing available.

Adelaide Legal Outreach Service 08 8313 7496 alos@adelaide.edu.au
Appointments available Mon, Tue, Thu. during University semester times.

Magistrates Court Legal Advice Service 08 8204 2444 A free legal clinic that can assist with minor civil disputes. Mon-Thu. During semesters.

Equal Opportunity Legal Advice Service Provides legal advice on areas of Equal Opportunity Law - discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and assistance in drafting legal documentation, statements, and preparation for conciliation and Tribunal hearings. Tue. & Wed. Book appointments online.

Flinders Legal Centre 08 7421 9985 www.flinders.edu.au/engage/community/clinics/flinders-legal-centre

FLC offers free, confidential legal advice and information on a wide range of matters. It is operated by Flinders University Law student interns and recent graduates supervised by solicitors. It is accessible online, or in-person by appointment. Book online.

Other services

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc 1800 643 222 www.alrm.org.au

Free legal advice & court assistance

Accessible Justice Project 08 8115 4270 www.accessiblejustice.org.au

A service for people who do not qualify for legal aid but cannot afford a private lawyer. It is a fee for service but at a much lower cost than a private lawyer. Do **not** help with family law or criminal cases.

Australian Human Rights Commission 1300 369 711 www.humanrights.gov.au

Deals with complaints about discrimination. **1300 656 419** to make a complaint

Equal Opportunity SA 7322 7070 www.equalopportunity.sa.gov.au

Provides legal advice on areas of Equal Opportunity Law.

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (08) 8463 5191 www.icac.sa.gov.au

The Commissioner oversees the Office for public integrity which receives complaints about corruption. Reporting is online, by phone or by post and may be anonymous.

JusticeNet 08 8410 2280 www.justicenet.org.au/

Pro Bono Connect assists individuals and not-for-profit organisations who cannot afford a lawyer to access legal services on a pro bono (free) basis and coordinates pro bono (free) legal help for refugees and asylum seekers who are applying for judicial review. **Homeless Legal** is a free outreach legal service for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Knowmore 1800 605 762 www.knowmore.org.au

Free legal advice for survivors of child sexual abuse. Assistance with National Redress Scheme, Victims of Crime applications and other legal issues.

Rebuild – Counselling for Victims of Crime (RASA) 1800 310 310 www.rasa.org.au

Trauma-based counselling and peer support for adult and child victims of crime as they move through the criminal justice process. Telephone, video or face to face as required. 9 am to 5 pm. Mon - Fri.

Refugee Legal Service (03) 9413 0100 https://refugeelegal.org.au/

Provides free, confidential legal advice for women on visas who are experiencing family violence. Telephone advice is available. Wed and Fri: 10am – 2pm.

Victims of Crime South Australia 08 7322 7007 www.voc.sa.gov.au

Provides confidential telephone support to victims of crime navigating the criminal justice system. Trained volunteers provide information about support services, referrals to counselling and other supports.

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Witness Assistance Service (08) 7322 7055 www.dpp.sa.gov.au/witnesses/witness-assistance-service

Provides a state-wide information, education, support and referral service to victims of crime, witnesses for the prosecution, and their immediate families in matters dealt with by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP).

Working Women's Centre 1800 652 697 https://wwcsa.org.au/

Provides free advice, information, support and representation to vulnerable workers residing in South Australia about their rights at work.

Youth Law Australia 1800 950 570 www.yla.org.au

A community legal service that helps children and young people under 25 and their supporters to find a legal solution to their problems. If you are under 25 (or an advocate for someone who is under 18) and you have a legal question, you can call us Monday – Thursday, 10.00am to 4.30pm. Information resources online.
If you are under 25 (or an advocate for someone who is under 18), and you have a question about your workplace or your rights at work, you can call our **Young Workers' Rights Service** on **1800 953 673**

Law Society of South Australia 8229 0200 www.lawsocietysa.asn.au

The Law Society of South Australia provides a number of legal services to the community.

Referral Service: The Law Society provides a referral service for members of the public requiring legal advice or assistance. Referrals can be provided according to specific areas of law (e.g. family law, personal injuries, wills and estates), geographic location, language and if necessary, home/hospital visits. Search online.

After Hours Legal Advice - Legal Advisory Service: An after hours advice and referral service is provided at the Law Society's office in Adelaide, at 178 North Terrace. The service is staffed by volunteer lawyers who provide preliminary advice and, if necessary, refer clients to either a legal aid agency or a private lawyer. A fee of $35 (or $25 concession) is charged (as at January 2025). Twenty minute interviews are available by appointment between 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Mondays. Contact the Law Society on 8229 0200 to make an appointment.

End of Life Planning

Power of Attorney: https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/planning-ahead/power-of-attorney-and-advance-directives

Making a Will: www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/planning-ahead/making-a-will

Organ and Tissue Donation: https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/licences/licence-details/organ-donor-option

Advanced Care Directives https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/planning-ahead/advance-care-directives An advance care directive is a legal form that allows you to write down instructions and preferences for future health care, living arrangements, personal matters and end of life and choose substitute decision-makers to make decisions for you if you're unable to do so. You can complete the advance care directive form online.

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Voluntary Assisted Dying South Australia www.vadsa.org.au
VADSA was formed to lobby, campaign and advocate in South Australia for the health benefits of legal voluntary assisted dying. Information resources online.

Australian Death Notification Service https://deathnotification.gov.au/

After someone dies, those closest to the person usually have a lot of practical and legal matters to deal with. The service allows you to notify multiple organisations at one time, minimising the number of times you have to tell the story to different organisations. The service can also assist with stopping the charge of accounts to deceased customers. You can report a death from anywhere in the world after you have received the death certificate and be connected directly to deceased estate teams in multiple organisations. The service will validate details about the person's death with national death registration data recorded by Births, Deaths and Marriages registries across Australia.

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/death-loved-one - Commonwealth Government information on payments, support, and services available to bereaved Australians. Offered in a range of languages.

https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages/when-someone-dies - Practical Information for South Australian citizens from the State Government.

www.fairwork.gov.au/leave/compassionate-and-bereavement-leave - Australian Government information on work leave entitlements when someone close to you dies.

https://www.willed.com.au/guides/grief-counselling **1300 945 533** Information about estate planning, probate and funerals.