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Identifying legal issues

Youthlaw

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A specialist community legal service for young people up to age 25 in Victoria.

We provide:

- Legal advice
- Policy and advocacy
- Legal education



Today's training

- Using the Legal Health Check
- Identifying common legal issues
- Case studies & quiz

DEBTS

FINES



HOUSING

FAMILY LAW

MINI LEGAL ✓ HEALTH CHECK

CLIENT

Up to three legal problems each year



COMMUNITY WORKER

"Let's go through the Legal Health Check!"

LAWYER



What is a Legal Health Check?



Here are some questions to get you thinking about if you have a problem Youthlaw can help you with:

CLIENT NAME	
HEADSPACE OFFICE	
WORKER NAME	

1. Going to court

	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you have to go to court soon?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DETAILS			

2. Money Troubles (fines & debt)

	Yes	No	Unsure
Is anyone chasing you for money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any unpaid fines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have problems with unpaid bills or a bank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has Centrelink made a decision you disagree with?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DETAILS			

3. Police & PSOs

	Yes	No	Unsure
Do the police want to speak to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been unfairly treated by police, PSOs, ticket inspectors or security guards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you want information about your rights with police or PSOs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DETAILS			

4. Safety

	Yes	No	Unsure
Are you afraid for your safety?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DETAILS			

Training videos
and other
versions online:

<http://legalhealthcheck.org.au/legalhealthcheck/LHC-tutorial.html>

<http://legalhealthcheck.org.au/LHC-Youth.php>

<http://legalhealthcheck.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LHC-Youth.pdf>



1. Complete the LHC

Chat with Client

Complete LHC –
Basic / Youth /
Mental Health /
Arrivals / Housing

Mini LHC
Postcard

2. Find Lawyers

Provide Client
with lawyer
details

Make an
appointment with
lawyers

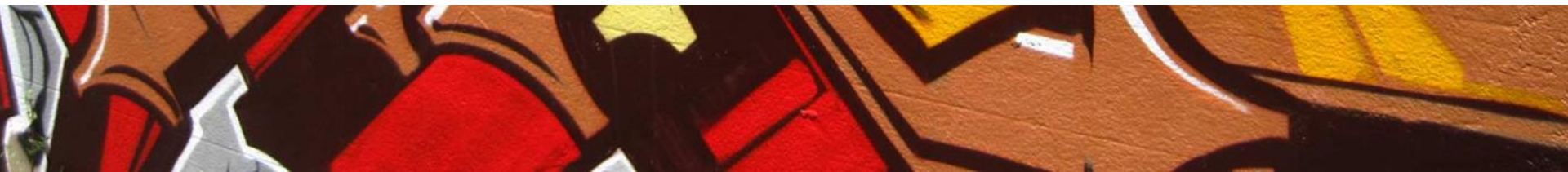
LHC
pathway

3. Support the Client

Provide travel
assistance

Attend appointment
Receive correspondence
Discuss steps with client
Schedule appointments

Make copies
of documents



Going to court

1. Going to court

Yes

No

Unsure

Do you have to go to court soon?

DETAILS

- **URGENT: Court in next 2 weeks**
- Which court?
- Failure to attend
- Warrants

Money troubles

2. Money Troubles (fines & debt)

Yes

No

Unsure

Is anyone chasing you for money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any unpaid fines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DETAILS			

- Sheriff's warrants
- Interest & debt collectors
- **URGENT: 7 Day Notice or utilities disconnected**
- Credit report

Police & PSOs

3. Police & PSOs

Yes No Unsure

Do the police want to speak to you?

Have you been unfairly treated by police, PSOs, ticket inspectors or security guards?

Do you want information about your rights with police or PSOs?

DETAILS

- Field reports & rights on arrest
- **URGENT: Police interviews**
- Complaints

Safety

4. Safety

Yes

No

Unsure

Are you afraid for your safety?

Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime?

DETAILS

- **URGENT: Reports to police**
- **URGENT: Intervention orders**
- Civil litigation or Victims of Crime compensation

Relationships

5. Relationships

Yes No Unsure

Are you unsure when it's legal for you to have sex?

Are you scared of your partner or anyone in your family?

DETAILS

- Ages of consent & sex offences
- Family violence (Child Protection or Intervention Orders)

Home

6. Home

	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you want to leave home but not sure if you're old enough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you rent and have problems with your landlord or housemate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you leave any of your stuff behind at recent accommodation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DETAILS			

- Becoming independent
- **URGENT: tenancy (repairs, rent arrears, breach of duty notice, bond & compensation)**
- Recovery of possessions

Work

7. Work

Yes

No

Unsure

Have you been underpaid at work or treated unfairly?

DETAILS

- **URGENT: Unfair dismissal – 21 days**
- Discrimination – 60 days
- Underpayment – 6 years

Being a parent

8. Being a parent

Yes

No

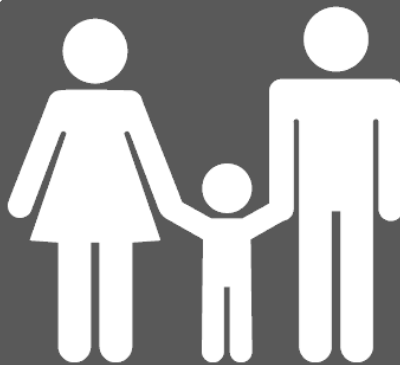
Unsure

Is there a disagreement with your ex or Child Protection about who takes care of your child?

DETAILS

- Divorce – must wait 12 months
- Family law – custody & property
- Child protection – 2 year rule for reunification order (March 2016)

QUIZ: Crime, family or civil?





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