

LEGAL CLINIC OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY
CRIMINAL LAW REFERRALS

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- **Legal Aid Ontario**

Telephone: 1-800-668-8258, available from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday (collect calls are accepted).

You must be a recipient of OW, ODSP or have a limited income.

For in-person assistance at court appearances, duty counsel services are available at the courthouses at 36 Wyndham Street and 74 Woolwich Street in Guelph.

LAO courthouse staff services are also now available at the Guelph courthouse at 36 Wyndham Street on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Thursdays, LAO staff will be available in the courthouse at 74 Woolwich Street.

- **Lawyer Referral Service**

Telephone: 1-800-268-8326 or 416-947-3330 (GTA Area)

The service is available from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. The Lawyer Referral Service will refer you to a lawyer in your area with whom you will receive a free ½ hour legal consultation.

- **Duty Counsel Assistance**

In Criminal Court, duty counsel can give advice, prepare and review documents, represent clients in some motions and hearings and assist with settlement negotiations. Duty council for criminal offences can be found in the Superior courthouse on 74 Woolwich St.

- **Young Offenders**

Telephone: (1-866-999-5239)

Justice for Children and Youth provides select legal representation to low-income children and youth. They give summary legal advice, information and assistance to young people, parents (in education matters), professionals and community groups across Ontario.

- **Justice Ontario**

Telephone: 1-866-252-0104

Website: <http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/justice-ont/>

Justice Ontario provides legal information about criminal law in over 170 different languages. They also have a website (see below) with information available in 22 different languages.

- **Your Legal Rights**

Your Legal Rights is a project of CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario) and is funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario (www.yourlegalrights.on.ca). This is a great online resource that offers a variety of information that will help individuals better understand and exercise their legal rights.

- **Pardons**

If you are seeking a pardon for an offence that you have committed, you can ask at reception at the Legal Clinic of Guelph and Wellington County for a Pardon Application Guide. You can also download your own copy from the National Parole Board website: <http://www.npb-cnrc.gc.ca/pardons/service.htm>

- **Community Legal Information Ontario (CLEO) Pamphlets**

Website: http://www.cleonet.ca/categories/Criminal_Law

CLEO Pamphlets are available at the Legal Clinic of Guelph and Wellington County and some are also available online at <http://www.cleonet.ca>. Please ask if you cannot see a CLEO pamphlet you would like in the reception area:

- Can I Get a Legal Aid Certificate?
- Do you know a Woman who is being abused? A Legal Rights Handbook.
- Police Powers: Stops and Searches.
- Prostitution and the Law.
- Sex, Young People and the Law.

USEFUL INTERNET RESOURCES

There is free access to the internet for 45 minutes per day at any Guelph Public Library branch if you are a Library member (it is free to become a member). There are 5 Public Libraries in Guelph:

- Main Branch: 100 Norfolk Street
- Bullfrog Mall Branch: 380 Eramosa Road
- Scottsdale Centre Branch: 650 Scottsdale Drive
- West End Branch: 21 Imperial Road South
- Westminster Square Branch: 31-100 Farley Drive