

## LEGAL CLINIC OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY VICTIM REFERRALS

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- Guelph Police Services  
Telephone: 519-824-1212 or 911

- Victim Services Wellington  
Telephone: 519-824-1212 ext. 304 (Guelph) or 519-323-9660 (Mount Forest)  
<http://www.vswguelph.on.ca/>

Victim Services Wellington is a non-profit community based organization which assists police and emergency services as well as the community in providing short term emotional and practical assistance to the victim(s) of crime, trauma and tragic circumstances.

- Ontario Victim Services Secretariat  
Telephone: (905) 521-7590 (Central West Region Office)  
<http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/ovss/>

The OVSS is a division of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) that works to ensure that victims of crime are treated with respect and receive the information and services they need.

- Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (For Women only)  
24 hour Crisis Line: 519-836-5710 or 1-800-265-7233  
Telephone: 519-836-1110  
<http://www.gwwomenincrisis.org>.

This organisation provides safe shelter and 24 hour staffing for women and their children experiencing violence and/or abuse, including physical, emotional, sexual, verbal and/or financial. Other programs include the Sexual Assault Centre, the Rural Women's Support Program and the Transitional Support Program.

- Guelph-Wellington Care & Treatment Centre for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence  
Telephone: 519-837-6440 ext. 2728

The Guelph-Wellington Care & Treatment Centre for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence has a team of specialized nurses who have training and experience caring for people who have experienced sexual assault and/or domestic violence. Its services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To get services offered by the Centre, come directly to the Emergency Department and ask to see our Domestic Violence Nurse. She will be paged immediately. Clients are offered a private waiting area until the nurse arrives - usually within one hour. Any injuries requiring immediate attention are looked after in the Emergency Department first.

- Community Torchlight Guelph/Wellington/Dufferin  
Telephone: 519-821-3760  
Distress Line: 1-877-821-3760  
Crisis Line: 1-877-822-0140  
<http://www.communitytorchlight.com/pages/home>

Community Torchlight offers free, telephone-based listening, support, referral, and crisis assistance (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) by trained staff and volunteers. All calls are confidential. Unless requesting emergency services, you do not need to identify yourself or give any information which might identify your location.

- Assaulted Women's Helpline

Telephone: 1-866-863-7868

Anonymous, Confidential. Service provided in 154 language. Available for calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

Telephone: 1-800-372-7463 or 416-326-2900

<http://www.cicb.gov.on.ca/en/index.htm>

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board is an administrative tribunal that is governed by the *Compensation for Victims of Crime Act*. The role of the Board is to assess financial compensation to those who qualify under the Act; that is victims or the family members of deceased victims of violent crimes committed in the Province of Ontario.

- Victims Matter

Telephone: 1-800-622-6232

Email: [webadmin@justice.gc.ca](mailto:webadmin@justice.gc.ca)

<http://www.victimsmatter.gc.ca/index.html>

Administered by the federal government, this site provides general information regarding child/teen victims, financial crime, cyber crime, hate crime, family violence and elder abuse and other violent crime. This site also provides information on services available to victims in their local area.

- 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](http://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.