

Practice Hour

Street Law Centre

Home
Stretch
WA

Date:
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Acknowledgement of Country

Home
Stretch
WA



*Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort
Keyen kaadak nidja boodja*

We respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land we are presenting from today, and all the countries where people are located. We pay our respects to their strength, cultural resilience and the Elders past and present.

Housekeeping & Rules of Engagement

Rules of engagement:

- Safe, secure, confidential space
- De-identify your examples (*including case managers & District offices*)
- Not supervision (*but can be arranged!*)

Teams Etiquette:

- Cameras on
- Mic on mute
- Raise your hand (*virtually or give us a wave!*)
- One person per camera is best



Is everyone ok with it being recorded?

Contact Details & Resources

Street Law Centre Contact Details

Our Contact Details

 1800 752 992 (free call)	 www.streetlawcentre.org.au
 (08) 9221 7661	 www.linkedin.com/company/street-law-centre-wa-inc
 info@streetlawcentre.org.au	 www.facebook.com/StreetLawWA

Call Centre - 1800 752 992 (free call)

- A lawyer is available on call Monday to Friday 10am-2pm. Support is provided on legal issues and they will work with any local services to support the person where they are living locally, if not in the Perth Metro area.
- Coaches and Support Workers are able to support young people to access the Street Law Centre.
- Can also have a Teams call or email details through to the info@streetlawcentre.org.au

Resource

[Street Law Centre Referral Guide](#)

Reminders

- [Competition for Young People](#)

DISCLAIMER

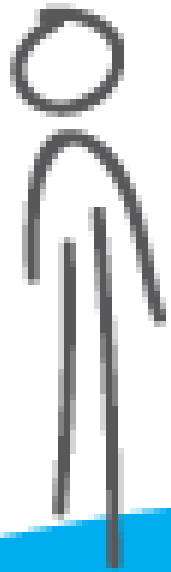
This is an education session and is not legal advice. The session is designed to provide you with basic legal information. Unless you talk to us, we cannot guarantee it will apply to your situation.

Property of Street Law Centre

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the custodians of this land that we are presenting from today, the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation. We recognise their strength and resilience and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and recognise their rich cultures and their continuing connection to land and waters.



STREETLAW CENTRE WA INC.

Homeless Persons' Free Legal Advice Clinic





About
Street Law Centre
Specialist community legal
centre championing for
people experiencing or at
risk of experiencing
homelessness, through our
legal work for social justice.

OUR VISION

**A compassionate community
where every person has a safe
place to call home.**

OUR MISSION

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Street Law's eligibility

CRITERIA

To qualify for Street Law assistance, a person must:

- **Be experiencing homelessness or;**
- **Be at risk of homelessness.**
- **Not be a home* or business owner**
- **Not be making a complaint against host agencies**

The definition of homelessnessa that Street Law Centre utilises -

“a person having no access or inadequate access to safe, secure, affordable and adequate housing that affords the right to live in security, peace and dignity.”



Women and Children who are victims of FDV

The diagram consists of five horizontal rows. Each row has a colored rounded rectangle on the left and a white rectangle on the right. A line connects the right side of the colored box to the left side of the white box. The colored boxes are blue, teal, green, and two shades of green. The white boxes are all white.

Category
Women and Children who are victims of FDV
Women over 55
Young people under 25
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders
Street present (rough sleepers)

Women over 55

Young people under 25

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

Street present (rough sleepers)

**5% were women
over 55 years old**

**23% of our clients
were women and
children impacted
by FDV**

**20% were under
the age of 25**

**26% of our clients
identified as First
Nations peoples**

**38% of our clients
were street
present**

**47% of clients
presented with 2
or more legal
issues**

Who are our clients



STREETLAW'S LEGAL CLINIC LOCATIONS



RUAH

247 James Street,
Northbridge
Tuesday, 10am - 12 noon
(fortnightly)

ST. PATS

12 Queen Victoria Street,
Fremantle
Tuesday, 9am - 11am
(fortnightly)

KARNANY

25 Spring Park Road,
Midland
Tuesday, 9am - 12 noon
(weekly)

PASSAGES

143 Edward Street,
Perth
Wednesday, 10am - 12 noon
(weekly) *Under 25 only.*

TRANBY

Unit 6, 5 Aberdeen Street,
East Perth
Friday, 8.30am - 10.30am
(weekly)

STREET DOCTOR

Swan District Football Club
Friday, 11am - 12:30pm
(weekly)

BEACON & KOORT BOODJA

Residents only

553 clients



Provided 650 legal advices



307 information and referrals provided



129 ongoing representation and court/tribunal matters opened



Attended 104 court appearances

Fines &
Infringements

Criminal/Traffic
(Magistrates
Court)

Driver's licence
issues

Identity
Documents
(Interstate &
overseas)

Criminal Injuries
Compensation
(including
recovery orders)

Barriers with
applying for
housing

Restraining
Orders
(applicants and
respondents)

Police Complaints

Debts

Discrimination

What to do when
someone dies

Case study 1.

Identity Documents

Client's Circumstances	Legal Issue	Collaborative Service Delivery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14-year-old• Left the family home due to family & domestic violence• Street present for several months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Needed a birth certificate to re-apply for school, open a bank account and apply for Centrelink benefits	<p>Case workers can assist by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encouraging the client to stay in contact with us• Assist them to obtain temporary Medicare and Centrelink cards• DOT applications

Case study 2.

Fines and Infringements

Client's Circumstances	Legal Issue	Collaborative Service Delivery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal man with a long history of experiencing homelessness• Mental health and addiction issues• Limited financial capacity• Used public transport without a ticket out of necessity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driver's licence suspended due to outstanding infringements• Infringements = \$6,700• We assisted the client to have his outstanding debt withdrawn on the basis of his extenuating circumstances	<p>Uniting WA support worker assisted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing a support letter• Assisting with filling out paperwork with the client• Assisting the client to gather documents• Assisting the client to maintain contact with us

Case study 3.

Client's Circumstances	Legal Issues	Collaborative Service Delivery
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Started experiencing homelessness from 13 years old• Experienced FDV• Significant mental health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic charges: no authority to drive and reckless driving• Criminal injuries compensation application	<p>Passages case worker assisted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing a support letter for the charges• Assisted with transport to the court• Assisted as a support person in court• Determining Kelly's goals, which was to obtain accommodation, education and employment



AWARENESS OF
APPLICATION OPTION



MANAGEMENT OF
TIME



CLIENT EXPECTATIONS



MAXIMUM
COMPENSATION
AWARD IS RARE



SUPPORT THROUGH
THE PROCESS



AGE





YOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN INTERACTING WITH POLICE!



HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FINES & INFRINGEMENTS



Community Legal education

- **We provide Community Legal Education to service providers and clients.**

GOING TO COURT





WHAT if Street law cannot help?



- Street Law is part of a bigger picture – CLCWA and CLC Australia
- If a Clients Legal issues fall outside our areas of expertise we can assist with “warm referrals” to other CLC’s within WA or elsewhere in Australia.



ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU
FOR HAVING US!



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