Legal resources

Municipal

City and District of North Vancouver bylaws; Legal education & resources in North Vancouver

City of North Vancouver bylaws: Searchable bylaws, including regulations, codes, and policies governing aspects of the City's development and public safety. Info on how to report an infraction or pay a fine.

District of North Vancouver bylaws: Searchable bylaws, including regulations, codes, and policies governing aspects of the District's development and public safety. Info on how to report an infraction or pay a fine.

Legal Education & Resources in North Vancouver

North Shore Restorative Justice Society: Community-based, compassionate approaches to crime and conflict, centering those harmed.

NSCR Legal Advocacy Program - Community Legal Services: NVCR provides free legal information, referrals, and advocacy for low-income individuals, including help with Legal Aid BC, general legal education, and support with issues like tenancy, employment, and debt.

City of Vancouver Open Data Portal: Free, easy access to datasets covering topics like transportation, environment, housing, useful for research.

GEOweb | North Vancouver District's GIS Website: DNV's Open Data Portal. Free access to datasets useful for research.

Federal

Federal statutes, acts & regulations; Legal education & resources

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute): Free access to federal and provincial statutes and case law, searchable, with consolidated texts.

Justice Laws: Access to federal acts and regulations in both official languages. Consolidations are generally updated every two weeks.

Legal Education & Resources (Federal)

Canada Gazette Canada.ca: Government publication to help Canadians learn about new statutes, new and proposed regulations, administrative board decisions & public notices.

Supreme Court of Canada: Plain language guides for people representing themselves in court, including court rules and procedural info.

Immigration & Citizenship: Official Government of Canada portal with info and tools for visiting, studying, working, immigrating, and becoming a citizen.

Pro-Bono Immigration Initiatives | Canadian Bar Association: Pro bono initiatives for immigration law in Canada.

Provincial

Civil law in BC; BC laws, including building codes; Legal education & resources

Civil Law in BC covers issues related to agreements between people and organizations, including those related to employment, housing and lawsuits.

- For disputes less than $5000: Civil Resolution Tribunal
- For claims between $5001 and $35,000: SmallClaimsBC.ca
- For claims over $35,000: Supreme Court BC | Online Help Guide
- For disputes related to employment, housing and other government-regulated issues: AdminLawBC.ca

BC Laws: Hosted by the Province of British Columbia.

- Guide to BC's criminal justice system
- BC Building Codes
- BC Stats - Province of British Columbia

Provincial Court of BC: Government resource which provides information on court services, processes, and resources for individuals involved in legal proceedings within the province, including guides for self-represented litigants and court forms.

Legal Education & Resources in BC

BC First Nations Justice Council: Free Indigenous legal services & justice reform resources.

British Columbia | CanLII: Canadian Legal Information Institute offers searchable access to British Columbia's legal materials, including court decisions, statutes, and regulations, supporting legal research and public access to the law.

Courts of BC: A guide to the BC court system, hosted by Justice Education Society. Information about the province’s court system, including resources for navigating legal processes, accessing court decisions, and understanding court procedures.

Dial-A-Law: The law in BC : Hosted by BC non-profit, People’s Law School, provides free legal information by topic/

Family Justice Centre services: Family Justice centres operate across the province to assist you with issues related to separation or divorce; all services are provided free of charge to parents and family members.

Family Law in BC: A free, public legal education website run by the Justice Education Society providing info on family law issues (e.g. separation & divorce, children & guardianship, finances, abuse & family violence) with step by step help, forms, and explanations.

Justice Education Society of BC | Justice for All: A non-profit organization that empowers people to access and deliver justice in Canada and globally.

Law Society of BC | For the Public: Resources for the public, including lawyer search tools, complaints processes, and legal resources.

Native Court Worker and Counselling Association of BC | A Helping Hand to Justice: Provides culturally-appropriate services to Indigenous people and communities.

People's Law School: A non-profit society dedicated to making the law accessible to everyone.

Rise Women's Legal Centre: Community legal centre that provides legal services, supports self-represented women and gender-diverse people — especially in family law — and advances justice through programs, education, and research.

Search by topic (BC topics)

Consumer & family law; legal separation; resources for crime victims

Clicklaw: Courthouse Libraries of BC: Clicklaw is a public legal information library run by Courthouse Libraries BC. It offers plain language legal resources, curated by law librarians, to help British Columbians understand common legal issues. Includes wikibooks such as:

- A Death in Your Family
- Consumer Law Essentials
- JP Boyd on Family Law
- Tenant Survival Guide
- Legal Help for British Columbians

How To legally separate: Quick access resource by the Justice Education Society.

Reporting child abuse in B.C.

Justice Centre at BWSS Battered Women's Support Services, a community-based legal clinic with links to resources.

VictimLinkBC: Resources for victims of crimes.

If you're charged with a crime | Legal Aid BC Support: Short, easy-to-understand resource that outlines what happens when someone is charged with a criminal offence.

Tenancy in BC

Legal info for landlords & tenants

Residential tenancies: Tenants and landlords can find information to guide them from the start of a tenancy to the end.

Tenant resource & advisory centre: Your online guide to better understanding tenant-landlord law in BC, including the Roommate Agreement

Renting it Right: Free online learning platform for BC tenants.

Free legal help

Free legal info, referrals & advocacy

NSCR legal advocacy program: Community legal services: North Vancouver Community Resources provides free legal information, referrals, and advocacy for low-income individuals, including help with Legal Aid BC, general legal education, and support with issues like tenancy, employment, and debt.

Access Pro Bono: Free lawyer referral service and several pro bono programs serving the critical legal needs of people and non-profit organizations across BC.

BC First Nations Justice Council: Free Indigenous legal services & justice reform

Community Legal Assistance Society: Provides legal assistance for those who are disadvantaged or face discrimination.

Elder Law Clinic | Seniors First BC: Pro bono legal advice to older adults (55+) residing in BC.

Free or low cost legal help in BC? LegalHelpBC.ca: Resources hosted by the Justice Education Society.

Legal Aid BC - Free legal help

- Legal Aid BC publications grouped together by issue.
- Multilingual resources | Legal Aid BC Support

Know Your Rights | MOSAIC Services: Offers free, confidential support and resources to help newcomers understand their legal, employment, and immigration rights in Canada.

Pivot Legal Society: Human rights organization for low income and unhoused patrons.

Glossaries

Legal terminology explained

Legal dictionary | Courts of BC

Multilingual legal glossary by Vancouver Community College