

Empowering Albertans to
deal with their family law
issues

Using LegalAve in your library

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Alberta Legal
Information Society

Who we are

- Non-profit society founded in 2012
- Funded by the Alberta Law Foundation
- Established to develop **LegalAve.ca**: A starting point for legal information in Alberta
- Currently focused on family law



Your guide to legal information in Alberta



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What is LegalAve.ca?

- A free website for comprehensive **family law information** in Alberta
- Refers to resources and places that can help with legal matters across Alberta
 - legal clinics
 - legal aid
 - lawyer directories



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Why use LegalAve.ca?

- More than **5,000** family law resources in one place
- All information **reviewed by a lawyer** for accuracy
- The most **detailed information** available on family law processes in Alberta
- Completely **free** website



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What is “family law”?

- Starting family relationships
- Issues in ongoing family relationships
- Breakdown in family relationships
- Family violence
- Solving family law problems



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What can I find on LegalAve.ca?

Starting family relationships

- Living together
- Cohabitation & pre-nuptial agreements
- Getting married
- Pregnancy, having a child, and adoption
- Assisted reproduction: Fertility & surrogacy
- Being a guardian of a child
- Foster care & kinship care



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Issues in ongoing family relationships

- Writing a Personal Directive, Power of Attorney, and Will
- Caring for and decision-making for a loved one
- Dealing with a death in the family
- Financial issues between family members
- Children's rights
- Child welfare



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What can I find on LegalAve.ca?

Breakdown in family relationships

- Separation & divorce
- Guardianship, custody, & access
- Child support
- Spousal/partner support
- Property division and the family home
- Immigration concerns
- Contact for non-guardians



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What can I find on LegalAve.ca?

Family violence

- Recognizing family violence
- Partner abuse
- Child abuse
- Elder abuse
- Safety planning
- Community resources for victims
- Protective orders



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Solving family law problems

- Community legal resources & legal aid
- Working with a lawyer
- Options for staying out of court
- What to expect in the court process
- Doing your own legal research
- Understanding Canada's legal system

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Reaching diverse audiences

How does the law apply to...

- aboriginal families and those living on-reserve?
- immigrants?
- LGBTQ* families?
- blended families?
- families involved in the criminal justice system?
- polyamorous families?
- pet owners?



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Using the Information Pages

Demo page:

Child Support under the *Family Law Act*

- Law and Process tabs
- Accordions
- Common Questions & Myths



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How can I find information?

1. **Search**
2. **Browse**
3. **Use the Guided Pathway**
(available in 10 languages)



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Search LegalAve.ca

1. Use the **general search**
(powered by Google)
2. Use the **For Service Providers**
filtering tool for advanced
resource searches



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Browse LegalAve.ca

1. Use the **Legal Topics** page
2. Start with **Common Questions** and **Myths** (filter by legal topic)



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Use the Guided Pathway

1. Choose the **Guided Pathway** option
2. Choose your language

Available in Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, English, French, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu, and Vietnamese
3. Answer a series of questions and be directed to the pages that apply to your legal matter



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What's next for LegalAve.ca?

Content & technical enhancement to better meet our users' needs

- reducing text and improving plain language to increase comprehension
- video resources for family violence pages
- continued usability testing
- continued input and collaboration with our stakeholders

Community engagement

- conferences, farmers' markets, and events



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To **collaborate** with ALIS, give us **your input**, or share **your clients' feedback**, send us a message.



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