

# Legal Help During the COVID-19 Health Crisis

In these unprecedented times, Access to Justice is as important as ever. Suffolk County Courts are open and conducting business and legal help is available. Suffolk County's Access to Justice program is a countywide program designed to help people find legal assistance and information about housing, education, healthcare, employment and family matters. If you or someone you know has a legal problem, needs help understanding or protecting their rights, please reach out to one of the resources below:

## General Legal Assistance and COVID-19 Legal Response Hotlines



<http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/>

Coronavirus hotline  
(833)503-0447

Court operations updates, basic information and do it yourself forms covering:

- Court Basics, information Forms & Fees
- Appeals
- Everything for Children and Families
- Criminal Records & Sealing
- Domestic Violence, Protection Orders
- Housing, Eviction, & Foreclosure
- Guardianship of Child and the Disabled
- Name Change
- Post-Conviction Rights
- Problems with Money
- Small Claims & More



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[AyudaLegalNY.org](http://AyudaLegalNY.org), (en Español)

Do-it-yourself court forms,  
<https://www.lawhelpny.org/resource/interactive-forms>

Free & confidential hotlines  
<https://www.lawhelpny.org/hotlines>

on-line chat  
[LiveHelp](#)

Monday-Friday 9-9pm

High-quality online information for New Yorkers. Access to:

- 600 free legal service projects and organizations
- The New York State Court system
- 3,500 Know Your Rights and self-help basics
- Available in over 30 languages
- Do it yourself from
- Free Confidential hotline

a real-time on-line chat available



Long Island Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Legal Assistance (LIVOAD) Hotline

Hosted by Touro Law School

631-761-7198  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

[www.tourolaw.edu/tlcreponse](http://www.tourolaw.edu/tlcreponse)

Students and attorneys provide free assistance or referrals on a myriad of issues including landlord-tenant, civil liberties, bankruptcy, employee rights, unemployment, stimulus payment, insurance and more



Long Island Legal Help 631-650-2306

<https://empirejustice.org/covid-19-resources>

No cost to low income Long Islanders in Nassau and Suffolk, regardless of immigration status. We assist with matters related to public benefits, immigration, consumer fraud, housing (for tenants facing eviction), disability rights, language access, child support, and other non-criminal matters.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services



Western Suffolk (631) 232-2400  
Eastern Suffolk (631) 369-1112

Civil Rights, Economic Relief, Family & Domestic Violence, Healthcare, Life Planning, Mental Wellness & Support, Mortgages & Foreclosure, Nutrition Resources, Personal Finance & Bills, Public Benefits, Renters & Evictions, Special Education, Social Security, Veterans, Work & Unemployment, & More

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## Legal Referral Services



<http://www.211longisland.org>  
Call 2-1-1  
or  
1-888-774-7633

Call-in referral Service and Online Database

- available 24/7
- in English, Spanish & over 200 languages.

Suffolk County Bar Association



Lawyer Referral Service

<https://scba.community.lawyer/>  
or Call  
631-234-5577  
Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Need a Lawyer?

- Go online 24/7 to find the lawyer you need in your area
- Calls accepted Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



**Telephone or Text**  
Suffolk County: 631.366.7096  
Nassau County: 516.550.4551

Free legal information, assistance, and referrals for:

**Chat**  
[www.legalhand.org/call-in-center](http://www.legalhand.org/call-in-center)

- employment
- housing
- family
- immigration
- domestic violence
- public benefits

There are no eligibility requirements and all are welcome.

## Additional Specialized Resources

### Domestic Violence Services

In an Emergency please call 911

Please call one of the following Agency hotlines for Assistance

- LI Against Domestic Violence  
(631) 666-8833  
<https://liadv.org/>
- The RETREAT  
(631) 329-2200  
<https://www.theretreatinc.org/>
- Crime Victims Center  
- (631) 689-2672 (8am to 5pm)  
- (631) 332-9234 (Rape Crisis Center 24 Hour Hotline)  
- (631) 626-3156 (Violent Crime & Hate Crime 24 Hour Hotline)  
<https://www.parentsformeganslaw.org/>
- Brighter Tomorrows  
(631) 395-1800  
<https://brightertomorrowssinc.org/>
- VIBS  
(631) 360-3606  
<http://www.vibs.org/>

For Temporary Orders of Protection by virtual appearance and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence

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631.761.7470

Touro Law Center Senior Citizens Law Program

Touro Senior Citizens Law Program at Touro Law Center, legal services provided by licensed attorneys, without charge, to Suffolk County residents only, ages 60+. Assistance with government benefit programs, consumer debt issues, landlord-tenant matters, durable powers of attorney, health care proxies, living wills, home repair fraud, financial exploitation, institutional abuse, warranties, and contracts, and related matters.

## Employment/Unemployment Assistance and Information



call (800) 724-0490 ext. 5827  
Unemployment and Emergency Paid Sick and Family and Medical Leave

<https://empirejustice.org/covid-19-resources>

People in New York who have lost their job or who are seeking Emergency Paid Sick and Family and Medical Leave in response to the covid-19 crisis can now to be connected with an attorney.

## Family Law



Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)

Helpline at  
212-343-1122, Toll-free 800-696-8629  
(Helpline hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm)  
[www.LIFTonline.org](http://www.LIFTonline.org).

Remote assistance with family law matters. such as custody Parents and caregivers seeking information about New York child support, custody, visitation, paternity, or Family Court procedure

## Non-profits Business and Transactional Legal Advice



631-650-2312  
<https://www.probonopartner.org/>

A nonprofit organization, or one seeking 501(c)(3) status, serving the disadvantaged or enhancing the quality of life through important social, civic, arts, educational, or environmental programs or services

## U.S. District Court- Assistance for the Self-Represented



lease email us at [PSLAP@Hofstra.edu](mailto:PSLAP@Hofstra.edu) or leave us a message at 631-297-2575 and we will get back to you to schedule a phone conference appointment.

Federal Court in Central Islip