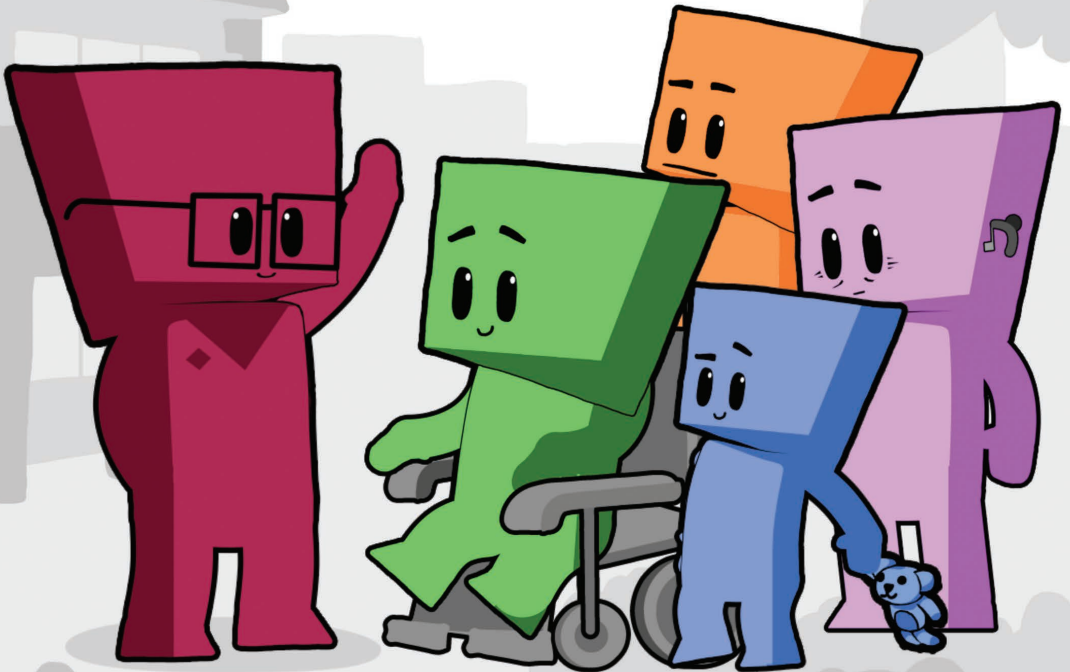


# How can Legal Aid NSW help me?





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You can also watch 3 short videos about how Legal Aid NSW can help you.

- How can Legal Aid NSW help me?
- Can I get legal aid?
- How can the Legal Aid NSW Refugee Service help me?

Go to [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

- Click on the **YouTube** button
- Click on Playlists

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# How to use this book



This book is about how we can help if you have a legal problem.

We use pictures to make it easy to understand.



You can ask for help to read this book.

A friend or family member or support person may be able to help you.



If you need more information about anything in this book you can call 1300 888 529.

# Do you have a legal problem?

These things can be legal problems



- The police say you broke the law



- You have to go to court



- You are in prison

# These things can be legal problems



- Money problems



- Problems with your house  
Like rent or getting things fixed



- Your job

Like if your boss treats you unfairly



These things can also be legal problems



- Centrelink



- Problems with the NDIS



- Problems with your ex-partner or children

# These things can also be legal problems



- Someone hurts you or makes you feel scared



- People do not treat you fairly

Like because of your disability or some other thing about you



# How we can help



You can see our lawyers for legal help

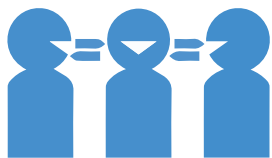


It is free to see a lawyer



Bring any letters or court papers about your legal problem when you see the lawyer.

If you do not have letters or court papers we can help you get them.



We can call an interpreter for you if you want one.



You can bring someone with you if you want to.

Like a friend or family member or support person.



We will not tell anyone what you say unless you tell us we can.



We will listen to you and help you decide what to do.

# If you need more help

The lawyer will tell you if we can give you more help.

We can



- help you write a letter



- help you fill in a form



- call someone for you



- We can tell you about other services who can help you.



- Sometimes we can pay a lawyer to go to court for you.

This is called getting legal aid.



To see if you can get legal aid you must fill in a form.

We can help you do this.

Not everyone can get legal aid. We can tell you if you can get legal aid.



If you do get legal aid you may need to pay some money towards the cost of going to court.

It could be about \$75.

Sometimes it could be more.



If you do not get legal aid you can ask us to look at our decision again.

# You can see us in some courts



Our lawyers are at some courts to help.

You can call 1300 888 529 to find out which courts.



Be there **before** 9:00 am so you can see the lawyer.

**9:00**

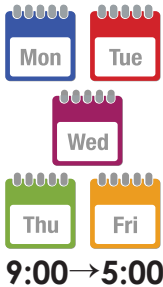
# How to contact us



Call our free helpline.

It is called LawAccess NSW.

The number is 1300 888 529.



Call Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



The person you talk to can

- give you help over the phone

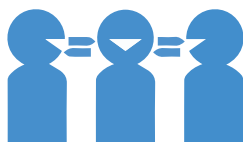


The person you talk to can also

- find a Legal Aid office near to you



- tell you about other services who can help you



- If you need an interpreter call 131 450 and ask for LawAccess NSW.





If you are deaf you can use the National Relay Service to contact us.

Ask for LawAccess NSW on 1300 888 529.



You can also visit one of our Legal Aid NSW offices.



To find our offices go to [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

Click on Get legal help

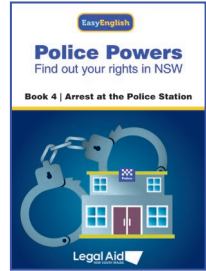
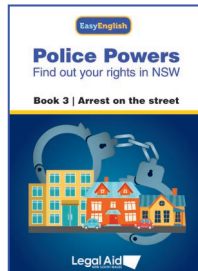
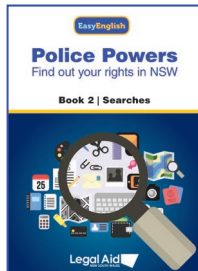
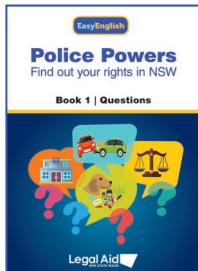
## Other Easy English books from Legal Aid NSW

Book 1 Police Powers: **Questions**

Book 2 Police Powers: **Searches**

Book 3 Police Powers: **Arrest on the street**

Book 4 Police Powers: **Arrest at the police station**

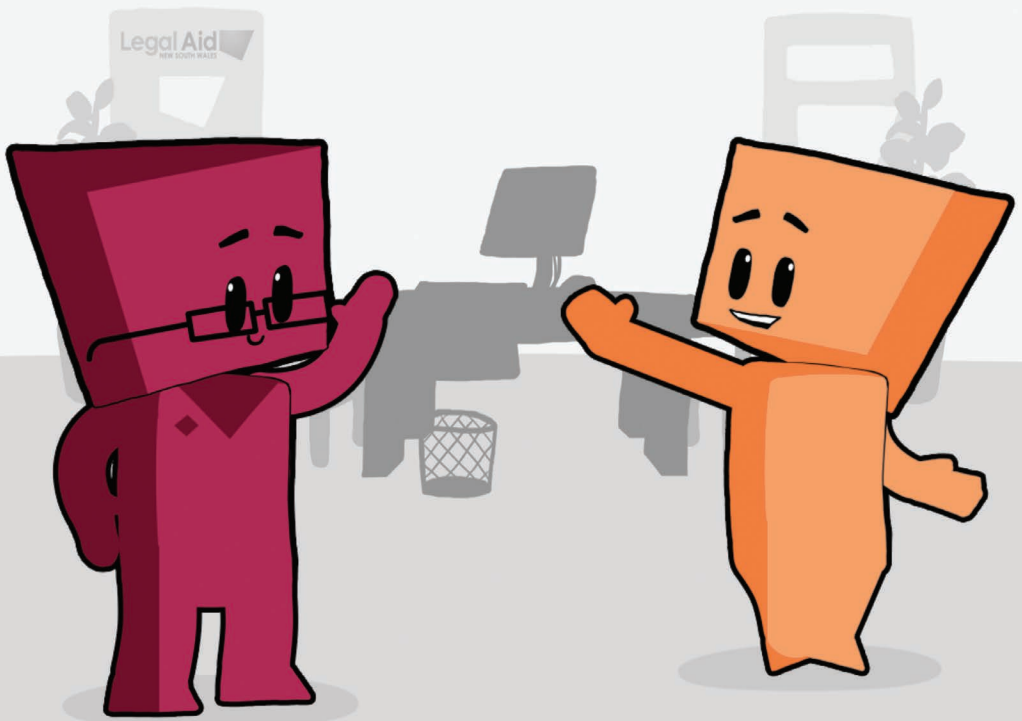


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