

# HAVE YOU BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.



Legal Aid Alberta



## **ARE YOU AN ADULT (18+) WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME?**

We may be able to help you if you are likely to receive a jail sentence or face deportation upon conviction.

## **HOW DO I QUALIFY?**

Apply over the phone at 1.866.845.3425. An intake officer will complete an assessment to determine your eligibility.

Please have ID with you, such as your driver's license. You may also be asked for your most recent paystub, bank statements, or income support statements to help determine your financial eligibility.

## **CAN I CHOOSE MY LAWYER?**

You can ask for a specific lawyer during your assessment and we will consider your request.

# DUTY COUNSEL

## HELP AT COURT

It is important we know our rights and how to exercise them. Duty Counsel are legal aid lawyers who provide free advice in criminal, family, and immigration cases. Duty Counsel is a free service for all Albertans.

When dealing with the police or courts, it's critical to understand what's happening and what options are available. This is why Duty Counsel exists - to protect your rights. Over the phone or at the courthouse, they are there for you.

## ARE YOU BEING HELD IN JAIL, OR ARE YOU IN POLICE CUSTODY?

You can speak to a duty counsel lawyer by telephone 24/7, free of charge. You have the right to receive free legal advice from a lawyer 24 hours a day. Our reserved phone number is posted in all police stations.

## HAVE YOU BEEN DENIED BAIL OR ARE YOU AWAITING YOUR BAIL HEARING?

If you have been denied bail, you will need to call to apply for legal aid. If you are awaiting your bail hearing, we can provide a duty counsel lawyer who can help you.



## **CONTACT LEGAL AID**

**By phone**

**1.866.845.3425**

Monday to Friday  
8:15 am to 4:15 pm  
(except holidays)

For more information, visit  
**[www.legalaid.ab.ca](http://www.legalaid.ab.ca)**

