



**For more information
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Independent Legal Advice and Representation Program

Family Violence · Sexualized Violence
Emergency Protection Orders (EPOs)

How can I access the free legal advice offered through ILAR?

Access to the Independent Legal Advice and Representation for Survivors Program is available through the ILAR Coordinator.

- Contact the ILAR Coordinator directly by email, phone, or text
- Contact Victim Services Coordinators, Family Violence Shelter staff, or RCMP across the NWT
- Ask a trusted support person to make the phone call with you

You will be asked to complete a short intake form with the ILAR Coordinator.



What is the Independent Legal Advice and Representation (ILAR) program?

The ILAR program offers:

- Four hours of confidential, free legal advice to help with safety planning and navigating the justice system
- Free legal representation in court for incidents related to sexualized violence (applications 276/278 of the criminal code)



Who can access the ILAR Program?

ILAR is confidential and accessible to all Northwest Territory residents of any age or gender. For those under 16, caregiver consent will be required, and for those aged 16-17, caregivers will need to be informed about the youth accessing services.

The incident can be recent or historic. The incident must be related to sexual violence, family violence, or Emergency Protection Orders (EPOs) to be eligible for services.

You do not need to have reported the incident to RCMP to receive services.

Panel lawyers will be expected to participate in annual training and be in good standing with the Law Society of the NWT. Lawyers will not be able to provide legal documentation.

What happens next?

1. If you are eligible for the ILAR Program, you will be provided with the name of a lawyer from a panel of lawyers who can provide you with legal advice and information. You can also choose your own lawyer from the panel. The ILAR Coordinator will confirm that there is no conflict of interest.
2. Once you are matched with a lawyer, the ILAR Coordinator will provide the lawyer with your name and a reference number. You will also receive the reference number and lawyer's name and contact information.
3. The lawyer will reach out to you to set up a time to meet, either in person or over the phone. You have 4 hours of time to talk to the lawyer. If you need more time, you can contact the ILAR Coordinator.
4. The ILAR Coordinator will follow up with you to ask about feedback and offer additional support if needed.

