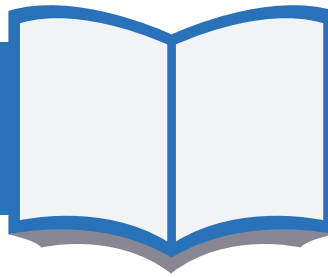




## Participant Handouts

# Scenarios



## Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

3 months ago, my spouse and I signed a 1-year lease. The new place is great - our daughter gets her own room! But in the past 2 months, my spouse has been acting unpredictably. He often gets angry at me and throws things. I'm worried about my daughter's safety and my own. I want to end my tenancy and leave as soon as possible, but I think I have to give my landlord 2 months' notice. That might not be fast enough. Is there anything I can do?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Domestic violence" with the question, "How much notice do I have to give my landlord if I need to move quickly because of violence or abuse?"

- Do people experiencing domestic violence have to give two months' notice before moving out?
- Is "fear for safety" a reason for using the "Tenant Statement About Sexual or Domestic Violence and Abuse?"
- Who must cause the risk of harm?
- Are there any alternatives to using the tenant statement?
- How soon can you end your lease using Form N15?



## Scenario 2 Worksheet

During my university's orientation week in September, I met someone and we started dating. We talked a lot over text and Instagram. One time, we also sent each other intimate photos of ourselves. Later, she broke up with me in the middle of exams! Because I was stressed out, I told her I would send the photo of her to all of our friends. I didn't really mean it, but now she wants me to sign something called a "peace bond". What is that?

Start on the [Steps to Justice](#) topic, "Restraining orders and peace bonds" with the question, "How do I apply for a peace bond"?

- What is a peace bond?
- Could a peace bond be useful in this situation?
- What does "no communication, with exceptions" mean?
- Where can you apply for a peace bond?
- What are the possible results of a peace bond hearing?



## Scenario 3 Worksheet

My friend has been married to his wife for 10 years. Last week he caught his wife reading his emails on his computer. Yesterday he noticed that she read the text messages on his phone when he left the room. She also checks his online banking to see what he is buying. They have a joint account, but she refuses to put money into it. She has her own account that he can't see. I asked him if he is happy in his relationship and he said that he sometimes feels nervous and anxious. Sometimes she yells at him, saying that he is worthless and unlovable. But, she always apologizes afterwards and cooks him a nice dinner. Is he in an abusive relationship? What can I do to help him?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Domestic violence" with the question, "How do I know I'm in an abusive relationship?"

- What kinds of abuse might be happening here?
- Does a person need to be abusive all the time for it to be an abusive relationship?
- Does this person need to call the police?
- What kinds of support could this person need? Where can they find it?
- What should a safety plan include?



## Scenario 4 Worksheet

My husband sometimes hits me. Every time it happens, he gets more and more violent. Today he pushed me so hard that I fell and hurt my arm. I have locked myself in the bathroom with my phone. I am very scared, but I am also afraid to call the police because I am not a Canadian citizen. As a permanent resident, I don't know if they will force me to leave the country. What should I do?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Domestic violence” with the question, “What happens if I call the police about my abusive partner?”

- What will the police do if you call 911 about an abusive partner?
- How can the police help in this situation?
- Should this person call an immigration lawyer first?
- Could the police force this person to leave Canada?
- If the person is hurt, how can they get to the hospital? What is the best option for this person in this case?



## Scenario 5 Worksheet

I signed a peace bond 4 months ago. It says I must stay away from my ex's home. Yesterday I drove by her house and I sat in her driveway for about half an hour. I just wanted to check on the house and make sure she is trimming the bushes that I planted for her. Am I in trouble?

Start on the [Steps to Justice](#) topic, "Restraining order and peace bonds" with the question, "What happens if I don't follow a condition of a peace bond?"

- If you don't follow the conditions of your peace bond, what can police charge you with?
- Can you get a criminal record from breaching your peace bond?
- Can you be fined for breaching your peace bond?
- What is an "estreatment" hearing?
- If you get a criminal record, what problems could it cause you?