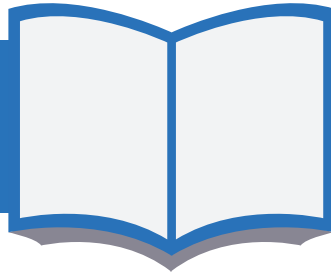


Participant Handouts

Scenarios



Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

I was driving in Toronto, and the traffic was terrible. When I passed the traffic jam, I sped about 10 kilometres/hour over the speed limit. I didn't notice the police car hidden along the road and was pulled over. My job requires that I report any criminal offences. Will I have a criminal record?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Tickets," with the question, "I got a parking or traffic ticket. What are my options?"

- What type of ticket is it?
- What are your options for dealing with a notice of offence?
- How would a summary conviction affect your driver's licence?
- What are the steps for preparing for trial?



Scenario 2 Worksheet

Every night for the past week, my neighbour has been using a power tool. It sounds like he's doing construction work. Some nights I get woken up at 2 a.m. Other nights, I can't fall asleep at 11 p.m. because it keeps me up. I am so angry. I want to call the cops on him so he can go to jail. Is this my best option?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Noise," with the question, "I have a noise complaint. What can I do?"

- What is the noise bylaw in my city, and what are its common features?
- What noise counts as "likely to disturb"?
- Are there any alternatives that would be better for me?
- How do I make a noise complaint?



Scenario 3 Worksheet

I am in so much trouble. I came back from a party one night, and the Uber dropped me in front of a house I thought was my own, so I fell asleep on the outdoor couch under the porch. I didn't realize it wasn't my own home until a man walked out with a baseball bat, and before I knew it, the cops were there. What should I do?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Trespass," with the question, "I have been charged with trespassing. What do I need to know?"

- What will happen to me?
- What kind of ticket do I have?
- What are my options if I receive a notice of offence?
- What are my options if I receive a summons?
- What will I do if I get to trial?



Scenario 4 Worksheet

I have a private property sign posted on trees around my property. Recently, I have been getting a lot of people coming onto my property to sell me stuff. It is mainly the same person selling “house cleaning services”. I have told him to leave a few times, and sometimes he refuses and insists on selling me their services. Sill, this person keeps coming back. I watch a lot of American movies and see that property owners can defend their property against intruders. Can I threaten the person so he leaves me alone?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Trespass,” with the question, “Someone is trespassing on my property. What can I do?”

- Do the actions of the person offering “house cleaning services” count as trespass?
- Has there been notice that the trespasser is not allowed on your property?
- Should you call the police or the city?
- What remedies are available?



Scenario 5 Worksheet

My name is Mathieu, and I have been charged with stunt driving. I live in Sudbury, Ontario, and English is my second language. I grew up in a Franco-Ontarian community. I rely heavily on translation services. I cannot afford a lawyer and want to represent myself, but I am worried I won't be able to provide the best defence for myself in English. What can I do?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Going to court," with the question, "Can I have my provincial offences trial in French?"

- Canada is a bilingual country. Are French language rights available?
- What language rights do you have?
- How do you obtain bilingual court proceedings?
- Are there any limits or deadlines for asking for and obtaining bilingual proceedings?
- What can Mathieu do if he doesn't know his rights?



Scenario 6 Worksheet

My name is Milan. I was charged with excessive speed driving on the highway at 45 kilometres/hour over the speed limit and given four demerit points. I am young, and my insurance will go up by quite a bit if I have the demerit points on my record. I explained to the police officer who caught me and to the judge at trial, where I pleaded not guilty, that I was only trying to pass a car that was driving at 100 km/h the entire time, but the moment I tried passing the car, they started racing me. The judge held that I was guilty. I think it is so unfair. What can I do?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Going to court,” with the question, “I don’t agree with my provincial offences trial. Can I appeal?”

- When are appeals available?
- What are the steps in an appeal?
- If I start an appeal, will I still pay the fine?
- How do I obtain a stay?
- How do I prepare for an appeal?