

# ACCESSING LEGAL INFORMATION IN SASKATCHEWAN



## Saskatchewan's diverse population

relies on access to legal information to meaningfully access justice.

Legal information is general information about the law and legal procedures. It is distinct from legal advice as it does not interpret information for specific circumstances. Legal information can help people learn about their legal problems, the law, ways of resolving problems through the legal system, and their legal rights and responsibilities.

### The **2022 Final Report of the Legal Data Scan and Needs Assessment in Saskatchewan**

found that

## LEGAL INFORMATION ACCESS

is a top five legal need in the province.

People require access to general information about their legal problems and the justice system, as well as how to go about addressing the problem. A large proportion of respondents from community-based organizations (60%) and lawyers (46%) agreed that people faced with a justice-related problem are only sometimes able to obtain effective legal information.

## WAYS OF ACCESSING LEGAL INFORMATION?

The **2021 Saskatchewan Legal Problems Survey** found that of those people living in Saskatchewan who took action to resolve a legal problem,

**40%**

searched the Internet for legal information

Popular free sources of legal information in Saskatchewan include:

### **Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII)**

Provides case law, legislation, and legal commentary

- **500,135** TOTAL VISITS from Saskatchewan in 2022
- **80,665** TOTAL SEARCHES from Saskatchewan in 2022
- **67,752** HOURS SPENT ON CanLII by people from Saskatchewan in 2022

### **Family Law Information Centre**

Provides family law information and assistance in person, over the phone, and via email, self-help kits, and videos

- **2,862** SELF-HELP KITS DISTRIBUTED in 2022
- **479** PEOPLE ASSISTED AT **82** HELP SESSIONS in 2022
- **8,336** TOTAL EMAILS + **4,083** PHONE CALLS in 2022

### **Government of Saskatchewan**

Provides Saskatchewan legislation and information on government services including alternative dispute resolution

- **4,067,576** TOTAL PAGE VIEWS on the [Publications Centre](#) in 2022
- **1,206,819** TOTAL PAGE VIEWS on [Freelaw](#) in 2022
- **310,000** TOTAL PAGE VIEWS on the [Justice, Crime and the Law](#) page in 2022

### **Law Society of Saskatchewan**

Provides access to legal resources and a directory to locate members of the Law Society licensed to practice law

- **29,809** TOTAL PAGE VIEWS on the [Find Legal Assistance Directory](#) in 2022
- **1,518** LEGAL INFORMATION REQUESTS + **267** REFERRALS TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE made in 2022

### **Public Legal Education Association (PLEA)**

Offers plain language legal information

- **474,358** TOTAL PAGE VIEWS on [plea.org](#), [familylaw.plea.org](#), and [newli.plea.org](#)
- **50,388** PRINT PUBLICATIONS (booklets, brochures, & pamphlets) freely distributed
- **FAMILY LAW INFORMATION PAMPHLETS CREATED FOR NEWCOMERS** in 2022 (Available in Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, and Tigrinya)

## TOP 5 MOST POPULAR TOPICS SEARCHED

### **PLEA PUBLICATIONS REQUESTED/DOWNLOADED:**

- [A Death in the Family](#)
- [Power of Attorney](#)
- [Wills & Estates](#)
- [Debts & Credit](#)
- [Abusive Relationships](#)

### **FREELAW DOCUMENTS DOWNLOADED:**

- [Queen's Bench Rules](#)
- [Saskatchewan Employment Act and Occupational Health and Safety Regulations \(combined\)](#)
- [Traffic Safety Act](#)
- [Saskatchewan Employment Act](#)
- [Queen's Bench Forms](#)

## AMPLIFYING ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION

The **Saskatchewan Access to Legal Information (SALI)** initiative connects with justice stakeholders, information providers, and community organizations to amplify access to legal information and assistance in Saskatchewan.

SALI creates resources, provides training, and publishes a newsletter to help legal information providers and community organizations connect members of the public with information about the law, legal advice/assistance, and community support.

# SALI

SASKATCHEWAN ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION

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### **Quick Reference Guide to Legal Information & Assistance**

Quickly connect with key legal information resources and assistance/advice sources



### **SALI Newsletter**

Stay informed about legal information developments, resources, and updates with SALI's quarterly email newsletter



### **Detecting Legal Problems Guide**

Detect legal issues and connect those issues to targeted sources of legal information, legal assistance, and community support



### **Providing Legal Information Training**

Build core legal information and assistance referral skills with standardized training resources

**SASKATCHEWAN ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK**

