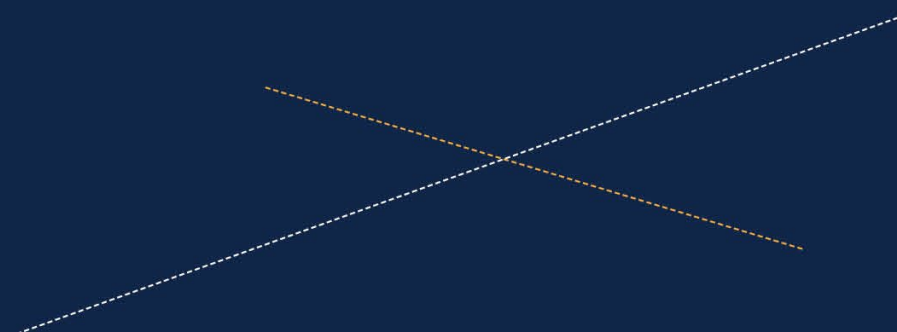




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Indiana Legal Help



- What is Indiana Legal Help?
- What is the Housing Help Desk?

What is Indiana Legal Help?

Helping Hoosiers Find Legal Help

There are services in every county. Enter your zip code or select your county to get started.

GET LEGAL HELP



Calendar of Events

Attend an upcoming clinic to speak with an attorney.



Free Legal Answers



Do you have a legal question? Click here to email an attorney for free legal advice.



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Your results in Marion County



Organizations

These providers assist people who are low-income.

Kids' Voice of Indiana

127 E. Michigan St., Suite 500,
Indianapolis, IN, 46204
(317) 558-2870, ext. 100

Spanish Speaking Available

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

3333 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN,
46208
(317) 229-4131

Indianapolis Legal Aid Society

615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 122,
Indianapolis, IN, 46204
(317) 635-9538

Child Advocates, Inc.

8200 Haverstick Road, Suite 240,
Indianapolis, IN, 46240
(317) 205-3055

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

(317) 917-3685

Spanish Speaking Available

Heartland Pro Bono Council

Indiana Legal Services - Indianapolis

1200 Madison, Ste. 300, Indianapolis, IN,
46225
(317) 631-9410

Spanish Speaking Available

Indiana Parenting Time Helpline

Indianapolis Legal Aid Society

Indianapolis Legal Aid Society specializes in helping individuals who need immediate access to comprehensive legal assistance in civil matters by providing direct access to an attorney who will give advice and or represent clients. Please call their office to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

WEBSITE

<https://www.indylas.org/>

LOCATION

615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 122
Indianapolis, IN 46204

PHONE NUMBER

Office: (317) 635-9538
Fax: (317) 631-4423

EMAIL

info@indylas.org

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET)
Tuesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET)
Wednesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET)
Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET)
Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ET)

COUNTIES SERVED

Adams | Allen | Bartholomew | Benton | Blackford | Boone | Brown | Carroll |
Cass | Clark | +82

ASSISTANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ISSUES

Paternity | Parenting Time | Minor Child Guardianship | Child Support |
Child Custody | Divorce | Rent and Eviction | Foreclosure | Debt | Driving | +10

Find Events Near You

FILTER BY ZIP CODE

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Any

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SEARCH

Apr
27 Thu, Apr 27 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am CT

Vanderburgh County In-Person Eviction Help Desk

Pro-Bono Attorney to assist with Eviction Matters

In-Person Event

Apr
27 Thu, Apr 27 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm CT

Vanderburgh County Eviction Clinic

Free Legal Advice Regarding an Eviction

In-Person Event

Apr
28 Fri, Apr 28 @ 8:00 am - 10:00 am ET

Adams County Eviction Clinic

Eviction Advice

In-Person Event

Washington Township Eviction Clinic

We are in person and able to provide free legal assistance for tenants facing an eviction in Washington Township.

Recurs Weekly In-Person Event

LOCATION
Washington Township Government Center
5302 N Keystone Avenue E
Indianapolis, IN 46220

COUNTIES SERVED
Marion

ASSISTANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ISSUES
Rent and Eviction

DATE
May 1, 2023

TIME
8:30 am - 4:30 pm ET

ORGANIZER
[Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic](#)

Desk

Pro-Bono Attorney to assist with Eviction Matters

In-Person Event

Apr
29 Sat, Apr 29 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

Tippecanoe County Civil Legal Advice Hotline

Scheduled Appointments Only: Volunteer Attorneys Contact Clients

Virtual Event

May
1 Mon, May 1 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm ET

Washington Township Eviction Clinic

Free legal assistance with an Eviction

In-Person Event

May
1 Mon, May 1 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm ET

Navigate Together IN

Legal Navigators are live offer direct civil legal resources and information

Virtual Event

May
1 Mon, May 1 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am CT

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In-Person Event

Legal Topics

Pick a topic that best fits your question or situation.



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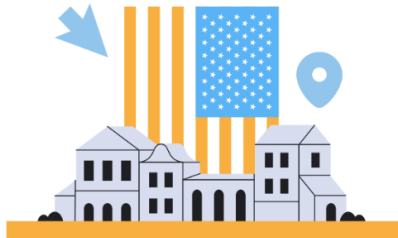
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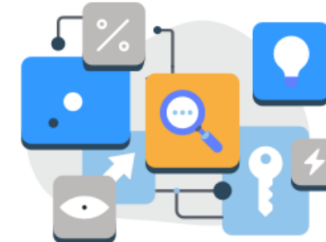
Discrimination at Work



Driving and Expungement

Driving

Expungement



Other Legal Issues

HOUSING

Housing

Foreclosure

Click here if you pay a monthly mortgage on a home or property.

Rent and Eviction

Click here if you pay or receive monthly rent.



Have Housing Questions?

Email, text, or call for help.



Call us at (386) 465-4911 or Text us at (317) 548-0350



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Free and Low Cost Legal Help

Easily find organizations, services, or legal clinics available near you. Simply enter your zip code or county to get started.

GET STARTED

Rent and Eviction

If a renter fails to pay their monthly rental fee, landlords and property owners can evict them from the property. Look through this section to see what resources we have available to help with this issue.

Forms

Eviction Sealing Form

This form is to seal an eviction record and make an eviction record no longer visible to the public.

Eviction Complaint Form

This form is for landlords who would like to set a court hearing to settle claims with their tenant.

Helpful Resources and Tools

Eviction Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently asked questions about eviction.



Indiana 2-1-1

A free and confidential service connecting Hoosiers to local resources.



Indiana Community Action Association

Connect to housing counseling and help with rental assistance applications.



Indiana Renter's Guide


Link to a downloadable handbook for tenants and landlords.



Eviction Sealing Form

Renters who have one or more evictions on their record may struggle to find housing options and may want this record sealed from the public eye. Tenants who qualify may complete and file the following forms with the appropriate county court to request that their eviction record be sealed.

Get Started

 We've provided instructions on how to complete these forms on your own but representing yourself in court should not be taken lightly, and there are many reasons why hiring an attorney is a good idea. In fact, we suggest that even if you use the forms provided on this site that you still talk with an attorney before submitting them to a court to get the best result possible.

Download Forms

[Eviction Sealing Instructions and Forms](#)

Free and Low Cost Legal Help

Easily find organizations, services, or legal clinics available near you. Simply enter your zip code or county to get started.

[GET STARTED](#)

Instruction: Defendant/Tenant fills out this top section to match the eviction forms that were filed by the Plaintiff/Landlord.

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE _____ COURT

COUNTY OF _____ CASE NO. _____

Plaintiff/Landlord

v.

Defendant/Tenant

VERIFIED MOTION TO SEAL COURT EVICTION RECORD

Instruction: The Defendant/Tenant fills out below.....

I declare:

1. I am the Defendant/Tenant and my full name is:

2. My date of birth is: _____
3. My current address is: _____
4. The Plaintiff/Landlord's name is: _____
5. The Plaintiff/Landlord filed an eviction against me and the case was:
 dismissed decided in my favor overturned or vacated on appeal
6. I want this Court to seal the court record from public view according to Indiana Code § 32-31-11 and/or Indiana Code § 5-14-3-5.5 and/or Indiana Access to Court Records Rule 6(A)(2).
7. There is no judgment that says I owe the landlord money for the eviction action.
8. I have attached supporting documentation or evidence.

I respectfully ask the Court to issue an order, without a hearing, prohibiting the disclosure of any records in this action and directing the clerk of the court to permanently seal the court's records in this case.

VERIFICATION

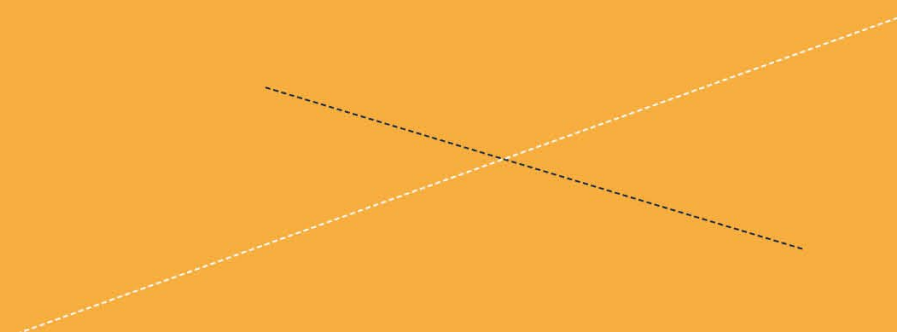
I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations and statements are true.

 Defendant/Tenant signs here: _____ Date: _____

Defendant/Tenant name (print): _____



What is the Help Desk?



Indiana Legal Help Desk

The Help Desk allows public users to ask questions and get legal information.

Goes along with the other functions of indianalegalhelp.org:

- Civil Legal Aid and clinic search
- Legal information and Resources
- Self-help Court Forms

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Indiana Legal Help

Have legal questions? We can help.

3:23 PM

Indiana Legal Help Bot

Have legal questions? We can help.

Just now

Housing Issue

Other Legal Issue

Type a message



Indiana Legal Help

Have legal questions? We can help.

3:14 PM

Indiana Legal Help Bot

Have legal questions? We can help.

Other Legal Issue

Indiana Legal Help Bot

Hello, I can help you find information, forms or guide you to a local legal aid provider through this site.

Please note that this chat service cannot give you legal advice or be your lawyer.

What can I help you with today?

3:14 PM

Find a lawyer

Find a legal clinic

Find legal information

Find a form

Type a message



Indiana Legal Help

Have legal questions? We can help.

3:47 PM

Indiana Legal Help Bot

Have legal questions? We can help.

Housing Issue

Indiana Legal Help Bot

Have housing questions? You can ask a question online, text or email us and a Navigator will get back to you shortly. From 10 AM to 2 PM (ET) on Monday through Friday, you can also chat with a live Navigator. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you can also call and speak live with a Navigator.

Just now

Call

Online Contact Form

Chat with a Navigator

Email

Text

Type a message

What the Staff Can and Can't do

Legal Information – NOT Legal Advice

Focus on Housing Questions

- Tenants facing eviction
- Get connected with attorneys
- Emergency Rental Assistance info

Help Desk Data through May 31

Some data we gathered regarding Help Desk usage through May 31, 2024:

- 1,546 Housing tickets
- 80% - Rent and Eviction
- 85% - Tenants
- Text Message, Live Chat, Web Form
- 80% of survey respondents female

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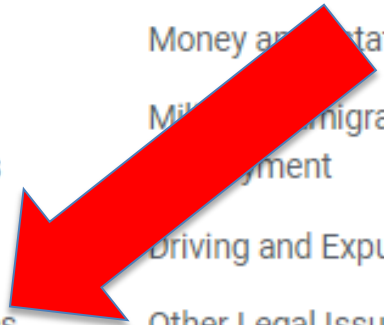
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Kiosk Resources

KIOSK LOCATIONS MAP



KIOSK HOST KNOWLEDGE BASE



KIOSK ASSISTANCE



KIOSK SUPPLY REQUEST



Helpful Resources

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Guidelines and instructions to assist non-lawyer intermediaries in answering questions posed by members of the public about the operation of the judicial system



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Printable helpdesk flyer



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Printable flyer for Indiana Legal Help



Indiana Legal Help Kiosk Flyer

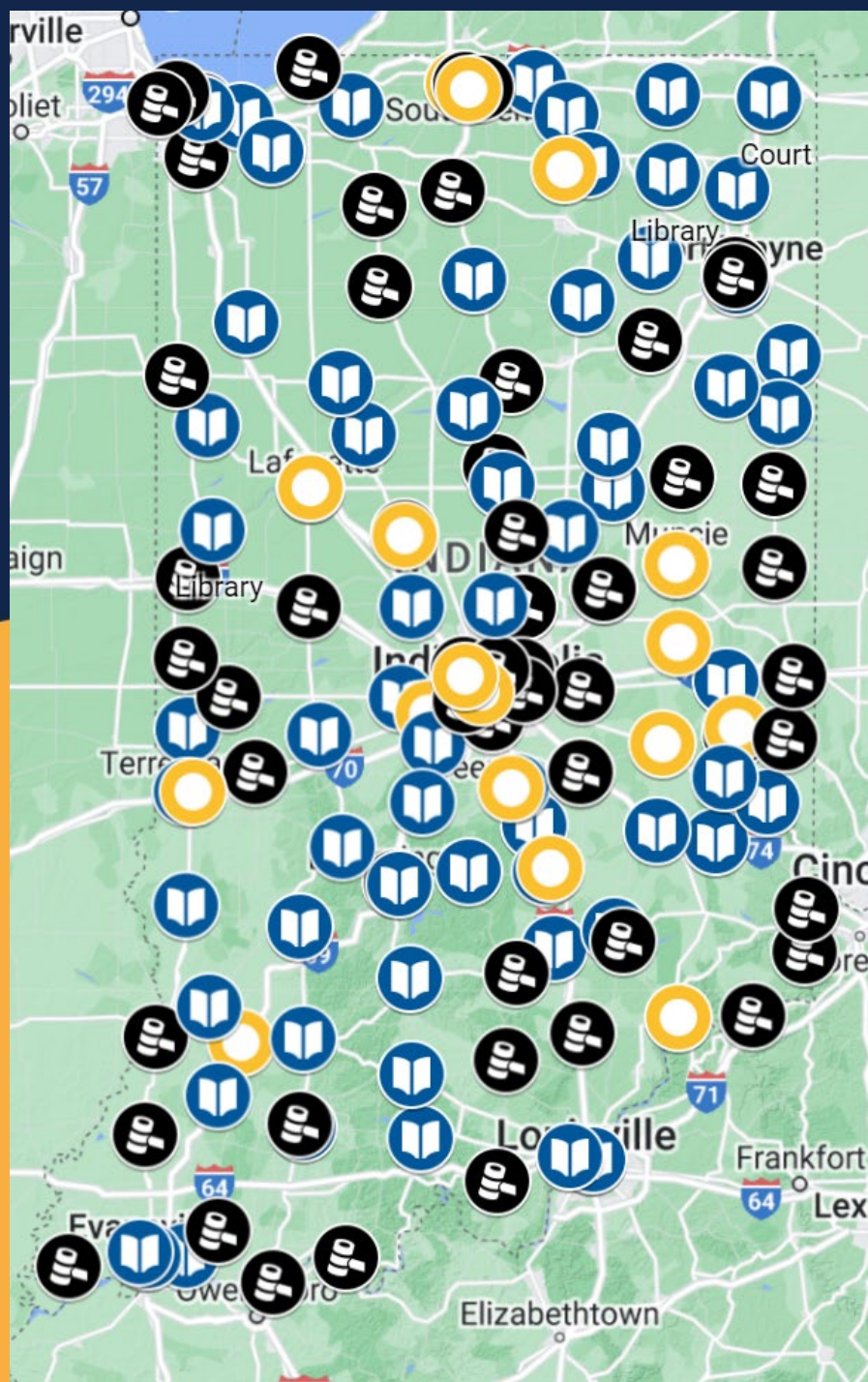
Printable flyer for Indiana Legal Help Kiosks



Free Legal Help Flyer


Printable flyer directing people to free legal resources in Indiana





How to Use IndianaLegalHelp.org



Watch on  YouTube

PARTNER RESOURCES

Partner Resources

Sharing information about Indiana Legal Help is an important part of making sure people have access to legal resources. Use this page to find a legal help kiosk, learn how to help others use this website, and download Indiana Legal Help promotional materials.

Kiosk Resources

KIOSK LOCATIONS MAP



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Printable flyer for Indiana Legal Help Kiosks



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Printable flyer directing people to free legal resources in Indiana



Legal Information Guide

Understanding the difference
between Legal Information and
Legal Advice

Access to the Courts

- **The doors of the courts are open to everyone**
- **Unfamiliarity with court or court procedures**
- **Access to justice is denied**

Legal Information Guide

- **Guidelines and Instructions to assist non-lawyer intermediaries in answering questions posed by members of the public about the operation of the judicial system.**
- **Non-lawyer intermediaries include professionals who assist the public in finding information and resources such as court staff, social workers, case managers, librarians and advocates.**

Legal Information Guide

- The Guidance is to enable non-lawyer intermediaries to provide the best possible service and to provide accurate information without giving legal advice.
- The best suggestion to offer in many situations may be to seek the advice of an attorney.
- Can refer people to free and low-cost legal assistance organizations. These and other resources are available at www.IndianaLegalHelp.org

Legal Information Guide

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What is the practice of law?

- Impossible to provide a complete list of activities but it includes: negotiating legal rights on behalf of another person, giving legal advice, appearing in court on behalf of another person
- When a person practices law without a license, they engage in the unauthorized practice of law, which is a Class B misdemeanor

Rule of Thumb

- **Legal information=Factual Information**
- **Rule of Thumb: If the question starts with “who,” “what,” “when,” “where,” or “how,” you probably can answer it.**
- **Legal Advice: A judgment call that is based on the facts and law; Questions starting with “should” or “would.”**

What is Legal Information?

- Legal Information is general, factual information about the law and the legal process.
- Legal information includes:
 - Information about entities that provide free or low-cost legal help
 - A general explanation of how the court process works
 - Explanation of where to find forms and other resources
 - If a form is made available on [IndianaLegalHelp.org](https://www.IndianaLegalHelp.org), assistance in selecting the appropriate legal form based on information provided by the customer may be given
 - You can review papers for completeness

What is Legal Advice?

- Legal advice is applying a person's legal knowledge to another person's specific fact pattern
- Allowing only lawyers to give legal advice protects the public from harm
- Lawyers are trained in court practices, court cases, statutes and other nuances of the legal system and must abide by the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct

What a Non-Lawyer Intermediary May Not Do

- **Non-lawyer intermediaries may not:**
 - **Represent a person in court**
 - **Perform legal research for a member of the public**
 - **Draft legal documents for another person**
 - **Investigate facts of a litigant's case**
 - **Provide legal advice**
 - **Provide legal interpretations of laws, judicial opinions or guidelines**

What a Non-Lawyer Intermediary May Not Do

- Answer questions that call for an opinion about what a person should do—generally questions that start with “would” or “whether”
- Advise whether or not a person should file a case or give an opinion on what will happen if a case is brought to court
- Advise what to say in court
- Talk to a judge about a case on behalf of a person
- Tell a person what words to use when creating or completing forms to file in court

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: Some Examples

- **Legal Information is:**
 - Describing common, regularly used court procedures, court rules, and administrative practices
- **Legal Advice is:**
 - Trying to interpret for a person what a rule, procedure or practice means for that person's situation and/or suggesting which rules or procedures that person should follow

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: Some Examples

- **Legal Information is:**
 - Explaining or showing where to find statutes or procedural rules.
- **Legal Advice is:**
 - Trying to analyze or interpret how a statute or procedural rule applies in light of the person's circumstances.

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: Some Examples

- **Legal Information is:**
- Making copies of court forms available to a person or answering basic questions about how to complete forms.
- **Legal Advice is:**
- Filling out the form for a person, telling him or her what words to use or information to include in the court papers that the person is going to file, or telling the person what to say in court.

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: Some Examples

- **Legal Information is:**
 - Giving a person a copy of a pleading or a Court Order pertaining to his or her case.
- **Legal Advice is:**
 - Explaining the meaning of a Court Order to that person.

Strategies for Answering Difficult Questions

- Listen closely and ask questions; if necessary, repeat or rephrase the question to state what you think they are asking.
- Be an active listener and respond reflectively.
- Be patient and trauma-informed; coming to court can be stressful, confusing and intimidating.
- Remaining calm, even if the litigant is not, can help to de-escalate the situation; the person may just need to vent.
- Providing the reasons why certain information cannot be given helps minimize people's frustration.

In Conclusion...

- There are more examples of legal information vs. legal advice on the website
- When a person needs legal help, they often ask questions that cannot be answered by someone who is not a lawyer

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- They often need legal advice
 - It is okay to say I don't know
 - No information is better than bad information

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