

Areas of Policy interest

So that we can actively involve you in our policy discussions please tick one or more boxes:

- Public transport and fines
- Police Powers and young people
- Security Guards in shops and clubs
- Alcohol, drugs and the law
- Family issues and the law
- Violence or abuse at home or in a relationship
- Schools discipline and the law
- Discrimination
- Financial support issues with Centrelink
- Workers and legal rights
- Debts eg: mobile phones, etc
- Moving out of home
- Better legal advice services for young people

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- If you are under 25 and would like to be involved in our youth consultation processes tick here
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Membership categories & Fees (inc. GST)

- \$1 young people
- \$30 community organisations and individuals
- \$60 non-community organisations

Please find enclosed my cheque, money order or credit card authority for \$ _____

Credit Card Authority – Visa/ Mastercard/ Bankcard

Card number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry date: _____ / _____

Name > _____

Signature > _____

Return this completed membership form to us with your membership fee.

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Youthlaw is a
free legal service
for young people
under 25 years

**About Youthlaw
& Membership Application**



If you are a young person in need of legal advice, call us or drop in and see one of our lawyers Monday – Friday 2pm-5pm or Wednesday evenings 5.30-7.30pm.

Youthlaw is Victoria's state-wide young people's community legal centre and began operations on 1st October 2001. Youthlaw works to achieve systemic responses to the legal issues facing young people, through casework, policy development, advocacy and preventative education programs.

We can answer questions about:

- **Public transport** > dealing with transit police, inspectors and fines
- **Police** > your rights on the street, going to Court, what to do about unfair treatment
- **Security Guards** > when can they search you and your bags?
- **Alcohol and drugs** > smoking, marijuana. What does the law say?
- **Family issues** > your parents are breaking up, who listens to you?
- **Violence or abuse at home or in a relationship** > How can the law help?
- **Schools** > suspension, expulsion, harassment from other students
- **Discrimination** > what is it, when is it unlawful and what can you do about it?
- **Financial support** > what if Centrelink says you are not eligible for benefits, cancels your benefit or that you owe them money?
- **Working** > do young casual workers have any rights?
- **Debts** > Do mobile phone debts go away if I ignore them? Do I have to pay?
- **Relationships** > laws about sex, becoming a young parent and moving out

Your issue and options will be discussed confidentially.

We will not tell others what you tell us, unless you want us to.

Phone information and other services Monday-Friday 9.30 am-5 pm

Youthlaw is based at Frontyard Youth Services in central Melbourne. Frontyard consists of an integrated team of collocated services, that work collaboratively to address the needs of young people at risk, including, accommodation, financial, legal and health needs.

Legal education

- Youthlaw runs education sessions about young people's rights and the law, with groups of young people or their workers. We can come to your group at a time convenient to you and talk about issues relevant to you. Call us to talk about your group's needs.
- Youthlaw produces publications and undertakes projects that educate young people about the legal system and their rights.

Policy, Research and Law Reform

Youthlaw advocates for positive change to laws, policies and practises that advance the human rights of young people. Where possible we work in partnership with young people and other relevant organisations.

Youth Participation

Youthlaw is committed to involving children and young people in our work, in making decisions about what we do and how we do it.

Funding

Youthlaw was established with funding from Blake Dawson Waldron, a major commercial law firm. This funding is only guaranteed until 2005. Youthlaw receives limited ongoing funding from the State and Commonwealth Governments and is looking to expand this funding to the level offered to other community legal centres in Australia by 2005, to ensure ongoing financial sustainability.

For details of current projects and activities check out our web-site.

Membership

Youthlaw is committed to being a participant and consumer driven organisation. Membership of Youthlaw is open to all young people, advocates and lawyers for young people, youth agencies and workers that support our objectives. The direct involvement of the membership is an important and valued aspect of the organisation, which adds weight to the policy positions, and public stances that Youthlaw articulates.

Youthlaw is managed by a committee of management elected annually by our members.

Membership Application

As a member of Youthlaw, you can become involved as a volunteer or in management, or by providing input into our direction or the key policy issues we are working on. Or, you can just keep in touch with what we are doing through our quarterly email bulletins. Members receive invitations to General Meetings, a copy of our Annual Report and invitations to special events.

To become a member, simply complete the application form and return it to us with your membership fee.

Membership renewals are sent out in July every year.

Title >

First name >

Surname >

Organisation name >

(if applicable)

Address >

Suburb/ Town >

Postcode >

Phone number >

Fax number >

Mobile >

Email >

Website Address >

I/We agree to Youthlaw's vision and values and hereby apply for membership of Youthlaw. I acknowledge that membership is subject to approval by the committee of management.

Signature >

Date >