

Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS)

Anyone can talk to a lawyer for free at Tasmania Legal Aid.

To get free legal information call 1300 366 611, drop into our Hobart or Launceston office (no appointment necessary) or use the Legal Talk chat function on our website. We are open Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm.

A lawyer can listen to your story and help identify the next steps you can take.

The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) is a free service providing assistance to families with family law matters who have been affected by family violence. Make an appointment by calling 1800 431 157.

Watch the video for an overview or read below for more information.

FASS has lawyers and social support workers who work together with clients and is based at the court.

What do FASS lawyers do?

The FASS Duty Lawyer can help you in relation to family law or family violence matters. This help may include where possible:

- drafting simple court documents in matters involving allegations of family violence
- helping you gather information and evidence about family violence
- going to court with you on matters where there are allegations of family violence
- going to court with you for urgent interim matters where there are allegations of family violence.

The FASS Duty Lawyer cannot:

- Complete complex documentation and affidavits in non-urgent matters
- Represent you in contravention applications and final hearings
- Be an Independent Children's Lawyer in your matter
- Offer ongoing help.

What do FASS Social Support workers do?

The FASS Social Support worker can:

- Help you make a plan for your safety when you go to court
- Help you with court staff and security staff
- Support you before, during and after court
- Let you know of other social services that can help you too
- Help you with receiving support from other social services.

The FASS Social Support worker cannot:

- Give legal help
- Provide ongoing counselling.

Do I need to make an appointment?

Yes. You can make an appointment to see the Duty Lawyer or the Social Support worker, by calling 1800 431 157.

[Did this answer your question?](#)

This is written for people who live in or who are affected by the laws of Tasmania, Australia. The law changes all the time – this information is not legal advice. If you have a legal problem, you should talk to a lawyer before making a decision about what to do.