

Chat with a Lawyer: One on One Participation Agreement

What you need to know to use this program:

- You don't already have a lawyer to help you with your legal question.
- Your legal problem isn't related to a criminal charge.
- You have not received a notice of a lawsuit or to appear in Court.

What we offer

You are asking for a consultation with a volunteer lawyer to discuss your legal question or concern. That lawyer will discuss your question or concern with you but will not do anything for you other than provide this help. The lawyer who speaks with you is not obligated to continue contact with you through phone calls or email after your meeting is concluded. After your meeting, the lawyer will not be available to serve further as your lawyer. This discussion is for this limited purpose only.

About the Lawyer – Program Limitations -- Disclaimer

The lawyer who will meet with you is helping you for free. The lawyer will confer with you during your meeting at the Aging Resource Center but will not help you after that or do anything else for you. The lawyer will not:

- Make calls, write a letter or file papers for you;
- Go to meetings for you;
- Go to Court for you.

The lawyer who will confer with you is licensed to practice law in Vermont and New Hampshire. The lawyer will help you understand your state's laws only and laws may be different in other states.

Neither the Aging Resources Center nor any of its affiliated organizations are providing legal advice. They are not responsible for the advice you may receive during your conversation with the volunteer lawyer at ARC.

Rules that apply to Lawyers

Lawyers cannot knowingly help both sides of a legal issue or case. If the lawyer with whom you meet is currently or has previously assisted someone whose interests are opposed to yours, the lawyer will not be able to converse with you about your concern.

We will do our best to keep what you say in confidence

We will do our best to keep in confidence what you tell us and the lawyer who meets with you. You should know that the law may require us or the lawyer to report what you tell us. For example if you say that you are going to hurt yourself or someone else, or that someone you know is abusing a child, the law may require us to tell someone. For a limited time, we will keep records of:

- What kind of legal question you had
- The state and town in which you live
- Any other information you provided
- Any notes that the lawyer made about his advice to you

We will use this information to make our program better. We will not share it unless we are ordered by a Court to do so or you ask us to share it. Any information that you provide to us may be viewed by the ARC staff or volunteers as they arrange your appointment and maintain our program records, and by the lawyer who meets with you. We and the lawyer will destroy records of your meeting following our normal records management practices.

By arranging your appointment and meeting with the volunteer lawyer, as well as by signing below, you agree that this is alright with you.

Your Agreement and Commitments

I/We agree:

- To be truthful
- To give all the information I/we know about our legal question
- To abide by the rules and guidelines as explained above.

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Printed Name(s)			
_____		_____	
Street Address	Town	State	Zip Code
_____		_____	
Email		Telephone	
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Signature		Signature	