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*“Health inequalities and the social determinants of health are not a footnote to the determinants of health. They are the main issue.”*

*- Michael Marmot*

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The Peterborough Community Legal Centre offers free legal services to low income residents in all areas of clinic law. Referrals are also available. Please contact us at 705 749 9355 or email [singhj@lao.on.ca](mailto:singhj@lao.on.ca) for more information.

# **JUSTICE & HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

**Is a Legal Issue  
Affecting Your Health?**

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# Justice & Health Partnership

## About:

The Eastern & Central Region Justice & Health partnership Initiative is a pilot project funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario.

The purpose of this project is to provide strategic and expert advice on the development of innovative partnerships between health care providers and community legal clinics

In particular, this project is designed to build awareness of the effect that legal problems have on an individual's Social Determinants of Health. These partnerships will be used in turn to increase access to legal services for low income clients, reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes.



## Is a Legal Issue Affecting Your Health?



### Housing

- Is your Landlord threatening to evict you?
- Have you experienced any harassment?
- Have your vital services been tampered with? (ie. Heat)
- Does your rental unit require maintenance and repairs?

### Income Security

- Were you denied disability benefits? Do you qualify for disability benefits?
- Are you having difficulty making ends meet every month?
- Can you afford your medication?

If one or more of these legal issues is affecting your health please speak to your health practitioner today or contact us directly. Our services are free and confidential.

### Consumer & Debt

- Are your wages being garnished?
- Did you sign a document with a door to door salesman?
- Have you defaulted on a loan payment?
- Do collection agencies keep calling you?

### Employment/Human Rights

- Have you been wrongfully dismissed?
- Have you been injured at work?
- Have you been the victim of sexual harassment at work?

### Other

- Have you been the victim of domestic abuse?
- Has your child been denied special education?
- Do you need to draft a will or Power of Attorney?
- Are you the victim of Elder Abuse?