

Are you

- Thinking about leaving an abusive relationship?
- In the early stages of separation?
- Concerned about someone?

Luke's Place can help

We will work with you to improve your safety.

We provide legal information and support through family court. Our legal clinic offers free summary legal advice on family law problems.

We offer these services so that women can move on and build better lives for themselves and their children.

"I was lost. I did not know how to deal with the family legal system. Luke's Place was there for me every step of the way."

Call today for free legal advice, legal information and safety planning
905-728-0978 or 1-866-516-3116

From a **safe phone or computer**, learn more about us at
www.LukesPlace.ca

Our vision is a family law system that promotes healthy, safe families.

Every year, Luke's Place provides support to hundreds of women in Durham Region.

We also deliver training and resources to lawyers and service providers across Ontario through our website:
www.LukesPlaceTraining.ca

Luke's Place has received the Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction (2008 and 2014), and the Ontario Bar Association Foundation Award (2019).

Supporting our services



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Luke's Place is located at
707 Simcoe St. South, Box #3
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 4K5
Service locations also at Oshawa Family Court and in Ajax

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**Support and Resource Centre
for Women and Children**



Luke's Place
Change her experience.
Change their lives.

Family law support for women with abusive partners or ex-partners
in Durham Region

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What is abuse?

Intimate partner abuse is the abuse of power by one person over another in a dating, common-law or married relationship.

The abuse creates a power imbalance between the two people. It can leave one person feeling intimidated by and fearful of the other.

Sometimes the abuse continues after the couple separates.

Abuse can happen to any woman

An abuser may

- Physically hurt a woman, her loved ones or her pets
- Threaten to hurt her, others or herself
- Force unwanted sex acts
- Threaten to take away her children or call child protection (CAS)
- Threaten her immigration status
- Call her names or say bad things about her
- Control who she sees and talks to
- Interfere with her job
- Control the household money
- Stop her from practicing her religion or make her practice something she doesn't believe in
- Use technology to spy on her or harass her
- Use the legal system to make her life difficult

Thinking about leaving?

Leaving a relationship can be the most dangerous time for a woman and her children.

If you are thinking about leaving an abusive relationship, make **safety** your top priority.

If you are in **crisis**, call the

Assaulted Women's Helpline

1-866-863-0511

TTY 1-866-863-7868

24-hour support in many languages

For legal support, call **Luke's Place**
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What can Luke's Place offer?

- Free, confidential family law support
- Individual meetings with Legal Support Workers
- Summary legal advice from family law lawyers
- Group support and legal information workshops
- A quiet, safe space with computers, phone and fax to prepare court documents
- Family law support referrals for men who have experienced abuse

"I would have been just finished that day had Luke's Place not been there to help."

Luke's Place staff will

- Help you make a safety plan
- Discuss your family law case and help you set goals
- Help you understand the family law process and how it applies to your case
- Connect you to a family law lawyer in our free legal clinic
- Help you complete legal forms
- Support you to collect evidence and make a record of the abuse
- Help you through the legal aid process
- Support you in working with lawyers and court services
- Accompany you to lawyer appointments and court appointments
- Discuss outcomes after court and appointments
- Provide referrals to other services you may need

No one deserves abuse

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