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THE LOW DOWN ON LAWYERS



ACTIVITY 10

ACTIVITY NAME: Lawyer Low-down Trivia

TIME: 8 minutes

MAIN TOPIC: Lawyers and how they can help

AIM: Participants have a clear understanding of the role of lawyers.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Participants identify what lawyers do, what information you need to give to a lawyer and what you should expect from a lawyer.

RESOURCES + PREP:

- 1. Youth Law 101 DVD
- 2. The Low-down on Lawyers Trivia Facilitator Quiz Sheet
- 3. Lollies or chocolates

FACILITATION TIPS:

- It is important to stick to the core information.
- Ideally, three facilitators are needed for this game.
- We would encourage using the 'tie encourager' question to avoid obvious winners and losers.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Play clip 6 on the Youth Law 101 DVD ask the team to get into two teams of people they haven't worked with before.
- 2. Explain the rules:
 - Both teams will be asked 5 questions each
 - You will hear the question twice
 - If the team doesn't answer the question correctly, the other team can have a chance
- 3. One facilitator reads out the Lawyer Low-down trivia questions in order alternating questions between teams (1-10)
- 4. There is a bonus question or 'tie encourager' question (11)

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Remember lawyers are there to advise you. In the end, you get to make the decision about what you want to do about your issue/problem.
- All information discussed with a lawyer is confidential so tell them as much as you can when
 asking for help. There are some situations where lawyers might be required to share confidential information e.g where you have told them you are going to commit a crime. Before
 you tell the lawyer about your issue you can ask them to tell you about the types of situations
 where they might be required to share confidential information.
- When in doubt, call 0800 UTH LAW.

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QUESTION 1

1. YouthLaw can help young people under what age?

Answer:

YouthLaw can help young people in NZ who are under 25 years old. Young people can also get in touch with their local Community Law Centre.

QUESTION 2

2. How much does it cost to get help from YouthLaw?

Answer:

It's FREE!

QUESTION 3

3. True or False - Lawyers are there to tell you what to do.

Answer:

False, lawyers should listen to what you want and then let you know what your possible options are

depending on the law.

QUESTION 4

4. True or False: You only need to give a lawyer basic information if you want their help.

Answer:

False, in order to help you the best they can it's best to give the lawyer as much information as possible.

QUESTION 5

5. True or False: YouthLaw Lawyers will keep your information confidential.

Answer:

True, in most circumstances information and details you tell a lawyer is kept confidential between you and your lawyer. A lawyer might be required to pass on confidential information in some circumstances. It's best to ask the lawyer to talk you through these circumstances before you tell them about your issue.

QUESTION 6

6. True or False: Your parents, caregivers or principal can call YouthLaw and find out information about you.

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Answer:

False, young people are our clients at YouthLaw. We won't share any information with adults in your life unless you give us permission or in some circumstances where a parent or other adult calls on behalf of a young person who is very young or requires their parents support to get legal advice.

QUESTION 7:

7. True or False: YouthLaw can help with a range of legal questions or problems

Answer:

True

QUESTION 8:

8. Name one legal question or problem?

Possible Answers:

- Problems at home
- Problems at school
- · Problems with Police
- Problems with landlords
- Problems at work

QUESTION 9:

9. What ways can a lawyer help you?

Possible Answers:

- Give you clear information
- Listen to your views and what you'd like to do
- Do things in a timely way
- Treat you fairly & respectfully
- Keep you informed

QUESTION 10

10. What do lawyers do?

Answer:

- Represent people in court or other places where a young person's view is wanted - eg. Board of Trustees hearing
- Give legal advice

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QUESTION 11: (TIE-ENCOURAGER QUESTION)

11. True or False: You can call YouthLaw for free just to ask questions.

Answer:

True! No question is a dumb question and that's what we're here to do. You can also find information at www.youthlaw.co.nz or by downloading the YouthLaw app.



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ACTIVITY NAME: Lawyer Up!

TIME: 15 minutes

MAIN TOPIC: Identifying the different ways you might run into legal problems.

LEARNING OUTCOME: Participants identify scenarios where a lawyer could help them.

RESOURCES + PREP:

- 1. Photocopy one Lawyer Up scenario card and question sheet per group
- 2. One facilitator per small group, ideally. The facilitator a will have their own answers guide to the

scenario. Final Video Clip on DVD

FACILITATION TIPS:

• Encourage participants to reflect on what they've learnt and what else they might want to know about the situation when reading their scenarios.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Organise the class/group into 4 smaller groups and give each group a Lawyer Up scenario.
- 2. Ask each group to discuss their unique story and write down their answers on the share sheet. Ask them to consider:
 - How the young person might be feeling
 - What legal issues could be going on
 - What kind of discrimination could be going on, if any
 - What they could do in this situation
- 3. Next, ask each group to share and offer additional information from the answers guide below
- 4. To wrap up the session, play the final video clip on the Youth Law 101 DVD

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Always make a record of every detail you can when you feel your or someone else's rights aren't being respected.
- If you are not sure of what your rights might be in a given situation, call YouthLaw or get in touch with your local Community Law Centre and ask.

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SCENARIO 1

IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?

Your friend has the right to education, and her living situation probably isn't a good reason for her to be suspended from school. Not sure? Call YouthLaw.

IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?

It sounds like your friend is being treated differently based on what is happening with her family.

QUICK LEGAL INFO

- All NZ citizens and permanent residents have the right to education between the ages of 5-19 years
- When you turn 16, you can leave home without permission from your parent(s) or caregivers as long as it's safe and you're not putting yourself at risk.
- It would be a good idea for your friend to talk through the situation with a lawyer.
- Unsure? Call YouthLaw

INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER:

DATES

- Date your friend's teacher told her she might be suspended
- Date she moved out of home

NAMES

- Your friend's name
- Teacher's name

LOCATION

- Where your friend lives
- The school she goes to

PHONE NUMBERS

- Your friend's number

• QUESTION

- Can you be suspended from school if you're not living at home?

ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED

- Details of the conversation
- How it made your friend feel
- What she wants out of the situation i.e. to keep going to that school?
- More support from the school to help her finish her studies?

• WITNESSES

Your friend told you straight away

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SCENARIO 2

IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?

In order to be searched there must be a visible sign on the shop door or window that warns that you can be asked to be searched.

IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?

There may be. It doesn't sound very fair that your brother's friends have been told that they need to be searched because of the way they look. It would be a good idea to call YouthLaw.

QUICK LEGAL INFO

- If a shop would like to reserve the right to search you, they must have a sign saying so at the front of the shop
- In many circumstances it isn't legal to single out certain people because of their ethnicity, culture or colour.
- Unsure? Call YouthLaw

INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER:

- DATES
 - When did it happen?
- NAMES
 - Who was there?
- LOCATION
 - Where did this take place? (Name of the shop and the name of the shopping mall.)
- PHONE NUMBERS
 - Your friend's number
- QUESTION
 - Can we be searched for the way we look?
 - Can we be searched because of what we're wearing?
- ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED
 - Was there a sign on the shop door or window?
- WITNESSES

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SCENARIO 3

IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?

Possibly. It would be a good idea to call YouthLaw.

IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?

It sounds from the scenario that Joe is being judged on his brother's previous behavior, which isn't fair.

QUICK LEGAL INFO

The Education Act doesn't permit a teacher or staff member to require a young person to provide a bodily sample. But a teacher or staff member may encourage a student to participate in a voluntary drug treatment programme that involves testing of bodily samples if they have reasonable cause to believe that young person is taking drugs/alcohol.

- Where drugs are involved, the school can also refer the issue to Police, who depending on the situation, may be able to take samples.
- It's not fair or legal to be under suspicion for drinking just because someone in your family has in the past.

INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER:

- DATES
 - When did it happen
- NAMES
 - Your friend and his brother
- LOCATION
 - Address and school
- PHONE NUMBERS
 - Joe's numbers and maybe Joe's parents
- QUESTION
 - Can I be breath-tested at school?
 - Is it a good reason to breath test me just because my brother was drunk at the school ball?
- ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED
 - How the test was explained to Joe
 - Was Joe given a choice?
 - Was he encouraged to ask his parents' advice before doing the breath test?

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SCENARIO 4

IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?

As an employee aged 16 or over, your sister is legally entitled to be earning at least the minimum wage, and it is illegal to pay someone under this amount.

There is an obvious legal problem here.

IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?

There could be an issue about being treated differently based on her sex/gender. If you're unsure, call YouthLaw.

QUICK LEGAL INFO

If you're 16 & working, you must be paid the minimum wage or the training/starting out wage. See http://employment.govt.nz/er/ pay/minimumwage/

for the current minimum wage.

- All employees should have a contract, and the employer (not you) can be punished if they don't give you one
- If a person is being treated differently purely based on their sex, there might be an issue of discrimination.
- Unsure? Call YouthLaw on 0800 844 529

INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER:

DATES

- When did she start work
- When did she start getting paid
- When did the comment about her gender/sex and ability to do tasks happen

NAMES

- Name of your sister
- Name of the company
- Name of the manager or boss

LOCATION

- Address

PHONE NUMBERS

- Your sister's number

• QUESTION

- What is the minimum wage?
- Can I be paid differently based on my sex/gender?
- I want to keep working but I don't feel very happy at work because of my boss's comments

ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED

- Were there any witnesses to the comments?



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SCENARIO 1

- 1. Someone close to you has come to you with a problem
- 2. Read the story below and discuss with your group

- How long has the problem or issue been going on for?
- Who is involved?
- What sort of legal help might your friend need?
- Is anyone involved at serious risk of being in an unsafe situation?
 - Your friend is 17 years old
 - She's not happy living at home but wants to continue going to school
 - · Your friend is worried about leaving home because of what people will think of her
 - She is looking to get a weekend job to have extra money
 - She is talking to extended family about boarding options
 - The school has found out, and the Dean has told her if she does move out she could be suspended for setting a bad example for other students
 - You KNOW that your friend needs support, so what could you do?



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	When you turn 16, you can leave home without permission from your parent(s) or caregivers as long as it's safe and you're not putting yourself at risk.	• NAMES
	 It would be a good idea for your friend to talk through the situation with a lawyer. Unsure? Call YouthLaw 	• LOCATION
IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?		PHONE NUMBERS
		• QUESTION
		ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED



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SCENARIO 2

- 1. Someone close to you has come to you with a problem
- 2. Read the story below and discuss with your group

- How long has the problem or issue been going on for?
- Who is involved?
- What sort of legal help might your brother need?
- Is anyone involved at serious risk of being in an unsafe situation?
 - Your brother is 14
 - He is hanging out with his mates at the shopping centre
 - Some of his mates have backpacks and hoodies with front pockets
 - A shop assistant thinks that the group have stolen something
 - Security get called, and the young people all get escorted out of the shop
 - Security guards ask to search them and tell them if they don't consent they risk being trespassed from the whole mall
 - They ask why they are being searched, and are told "they look like the type of group that steals"



IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?	QUICK LEGAL INFO	INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER:
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	 It's not fair or legal to single out certain people because of their ethnicity, culture or colour 	• NAMES
	Unsure? Call YouthLaw on 0800 844 529	• LOCATION
		PHONE NUMBERS
		• QUESTION
IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?		• ADDRESS
		OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED
		ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED
		• WITNESSES



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SCENARIO 3

- 1. Someone close to you has come to you with a problem
- 2. Read the story below and discuss with your group

- How long has the problem or issue been going on for?
- Who is involved?
- What sort of legal help might your friend need?
- Is anyone involved at serious risk of being in an unsafe situation?

- Your friend's younger brother Joe starts at your school in Year 9, Joe is 13
- Your friend was suspended last year for drinking at the school ball
- Your friend and his brother, Joe, walk into school together and are seen by the Associate Principal
- The next day, Joe is asked by the AP to be breath-tested at school



IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?	 QUICK LEGAL INFO It's not fair or legal to be under suspicion for drinking just because someone in your family has 	INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER: • DATES
		• NAMES
		• LOCATION
		PHONE NUMBERS
		• QUESTION
IS THERE A DISCRIMINATION ISSUE?		• ADDRESS
		OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED
		ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED



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SCENARIO 4

- 1. Someone close to you has come to you with a problem
- 2. Read the story below and discuss with your group

- How long has the problem or issue been going on for?
- Who is involved?
- What sort of legal help might your sister need?
- Is anyone involved at serious risk of being in an unsafe situation?

- Your sister is 16
- She has just started a part-time job at a restaurant as a kitchen hand
- Even though she is entitled to get minimum wage, she only gets paid \$10 an hour
- The boss tells her that she can't work as fast or lift heavy items like the last male employee
- Because of that, he tells your sister that he's not willing to pay her the same as what the last person got



IS THERE A LEGAL PROBLEM?	 QUICK LEGAL INFO If you're an employee 16 and over you must be paid the 	INFORMATION TO GIVE LAWYER: • DATES
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		OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED
		ANY OTHER SPECIFIC DETAILS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED
		ANY DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS?