



Quick Guide to Spotting Legal Problems

Quick tips

- Many problems are **also legal problems**.
- You don't need to solve the problem—**just spot it and refer**.
- **Act quickly** because there may be important deadlines or court dates.
- Encourage people to **keep documents and notices**.
- Use Oregon Law Help to **find information** and **connect people to help**.

Housing

- "I might get evicted"
- "My landlord won't fix things"
- "I don't have heat, water, or power"
- "I had to leave my home"
- "My landlord locked me out"

Healthcare & Benefits

- "My insurance stopped"
- "They denied my care"
- "I can't afford my medical bills"
- "I was denied disability or SSI"
- "I was overpaid food stamps"

Family & Safety

- "I'm worried about my child's safety"
- "I need a restraining order"
- "There's conflict with the other parent"
- "I'm not safe at home"
- "I can't take care of my kids right now"

Jobs & Income

- "I didn't get paid"
- "I lost my job"
- "I was treated unfairly at work"
- "I'm missing a lot of work because of health or relationship problems"

Consumer & Debt

- "Debt collectors keep calling"
- "I got sued for a debt"
- "My car was taken"
- "I think I was scammed"

Immigration

- "I'm worried about my status"
- "I got papers from immigration"
- "I want to bring my family here"

Education

- "My child isn't getting help at school"
- "They suspended my child"
- "The school won't listen"

Discrimination & Civil Rights

- "I was treated differently"
- "They denied me because of who I am"

Court & Legal Process

- "I got court papers"
- "I don't know what this says"
- "I have a court date"