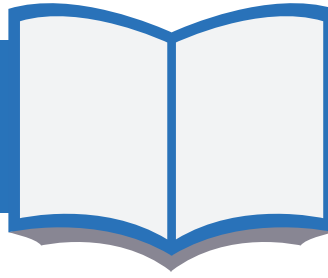




Participant Handouts Scenarios



Scenario 1 Worksheet: Demonstration

I have been living in Detroit for the past 4 years but I have been living in terrible conditions. I came for the American dream, but things didn't turn out as I had hoped. Can I make a refugee claim to Canada even though I live in the U.S.?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Making a refugee claim" with the question, "Can I make a refugee claim in Canada?"

- What are the basic things you need to prove?
- What is the Safe Third Country Agreement and what happens if it applies to me?
- What are the exceptions to the STCA?
- What happens if the STCA does not apply?



Scenario 2 Worksheet

I came to Canada 5 years ago with a refugee claim. I was granted a “protected person” status, but now I’m afraid of losing my status. I got into some trouble at my work and I was fired for insubordination and now I’m scared it might affect my status. If I get an order to leave the country, is there anything I can do to stop that?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Making a refugee claim” with the question, “Can I lose my refugee status?”

- In what circumstances can someone lose their protected person status?
- If I received my permanent resident status after a refugee claim, can I still lose it?
- When would the minister appeal my status?
- What do vacation orders and cessation orders mean?
- Do you believe that a refugee should always keep their protected person status?



Scenario 3 Worksheet

My name is Alya, and I am a refugee who came to Canada with my family. We left Syria because of the war and came here seeking a better life. At the airport, the Canadian officers detained me and did not let me go inside the country. They are violating my rights and they can't do this to me. I came here as a refugee! Why would they detain me like I was a criminal?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Being detained" with the question, "I am not a Canadian citizen. Can immigration authorities detain me?"

- In what circumstances can immigration authorities detain a non-citizen?
- What are the rights of a person detained?
- How can they be released?
- What happens at a detention review hearing?
- What will they decide in the review hearing?



Scenario 4 Worksheet

My name is Sherif and I am a permanent resident in Canada. I came here from Egypt about 6 years ago with my family. Recently, my friend Ali got into some trouble when he tried to make a refugee claim and now he is detained by the authorities. He asked me to be his bondsperson but I am not sure what that means exactly and what my responsibility would be. I don't want any trouble with the immigration officials and I want to know what I signed up for.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Being detained" with the question, "What is a bondsperson for someone in immigration detention?"

- What is a bondsperson?
- What are the bondsperson's responsibilities?
- What if they don't follow all the rules or responsibilities?
- When do the responsibilities end?
- What will they need from them at the detention review hearing?



Scenario 5 Worksheet

I made a refugee claim in Canada and I came here with my 8-year old son. I tried to enroll him in a school but they told me he couldn't be a student at their school because we don't have a permanent status in Canada. I am still in the process but I am here legally and my son should be allowed to go to school! Are they allowed to do this?

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, "Getting benefits and services" with the question, "Can my children go to school after I make a refugee claim?"

- Can the school refuse a student because of their immigration status?
- Are these laws only applicable on minors or 18+ students too?
- How do education laws work in Ontario?
- What documents do you need to register your child in school?



Scenario 6 Worksheet

I arrived to Canada a few months ago and I am waiting for a decision about my refugee claim. Recently I have been in a lot of pain. I think I may have chronic back pain and could need surgery. I want to go get it checked but when I went to the nearest hospital, they denied me health services because of my immigration status.

Start on the Steps to Justice topic, “Getting benefits and services” with the question, “Can I get healthcare services after I make a refugee claim in Canada?”

- Can someone be denied healthcare services due to immigration status?
- What if their refugee claim is rejected?
- What does the Federal healthcare program cover?
- How do I get the medical exam I need?
- Should I apply to the Ontario health insurance program or stay on the federal one?