

# Disaster Legal Services Available

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INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosiers in disaster-designated counties affected by recent severe storms and tornadoes may now have access to free legal advice through Disaster Legal Services (DLS), which provides free help with disaster-related legal issues for low-income disaster survivors.

Residents can call the DLS hotline at 1-844-243-8570. Some of the issues the service can help with include:

- ? Insurance claims for medical bills, loss of property and loss of life
- ? New wills, powers of attorney and other legal papers lost during the disaster
- ? Home repair contracts and contractors
- ? Landlord/Tenant issues
- ? Proof of home ownership
- ? FEMA ineligibility appeals

The hotline is staffed by Indiana Legal Services – in cooperation with Indiana State Bar Association – and law firms in Indiana. They are working together to offer free legal services to survivors in the aftermath of natural disasters.

DLS attorneys are not FEMA employees, and the services they provide are confidential. They do not share information with FEMA.

To learn more, call the DLS hotline at 1-844-243-8570. The hotline is open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you use a relay service such as video relay service (VRS) or captioned telephone service, give DLS your number for that service.

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