

Free Legal Help Available for Washington Wildfires Survivors

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Spokane, Wash. – A free legal help hotline is now available for Washington Wildfires survivors. The hotline is available to connect survivors to free legal services in qualifying counties who cannot afford an attorney. Survivors can call **(509) 557-0301**. Wildfire survivors may get help with legal issues like:

- FEMA and Small Business Administration (SBA) financial benefits
- Home repair contracts and property insurance claims
- Re-doing wills and other important legal documents destroyed in the disaster
- Price gouging, scams, or identity theft
- Landlord or tenant problems, or threats of foreclosure
- Disability-related access to federal, state, and local disaster programs

The hotline is available from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. PST, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Disaster Legal Services program partners cannot help in all cases. For example, they cannot take cases where a settlement could include legal fees or an award. But they can refer those cases to other legal help.

The Disaster Legal Services (DLS) program works with state and local partners to provide free legal help for low-income disaster survivors. The service is a partnership between the [American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division](#), the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA), Spokane Volunteer Lawyers Program, Washington Pro Bono Council, and Northwest Justice Project.

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