

Accessing Legal Assistance During COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an older adult might have lost a part-time job they relied on for income. Older adults may be living with a spouse or loved one who suffers from alcohol and/or drug addiction and fears for his/her safety. An older adult may be at risk for eviction or foreclosure on their home due to loss of income. A family member might need assistance advocating for a loved one in a nursing home or an older adult might fall victim to abuse by an adult child or other friend/family member.

Legal assistance providers have played an important role in securing life essentials and protecting older adults during this crisis. Our Legal Services provider, Prairie State Legal Services, continues to serve older adults while working remotely during this pandemic. They are helping clients with a variety of issues including:

- SNAP/Food stamps
- Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare
- Nursing homes and Assisted living facilities
- Domestic violence, elder abuse, financial exploitation and/or orders of protection
- Evictions or other housing issues
- How your stimulus payment affects your benefits or your monthly long term care payment

All services are provided at no cost to persons age 60 and older. Call the Older Adults Legal Assistance Helpline at (888) 965-7757, Monday through Thursday between 9 AM and 1:30 PM. No walk-ins are available during this time.

Prairie State Legal Services

www.pslegal.org

DuPage County

630-690-2130

Grundy County

815-727-5123

Kane County

630-232-9415

Kendall County

630-232-9415

Kankakee County

815-935-2750

Lake County

847-662-6925

McHenry County

815-344-9113

Will County

Other Resources for Legal Assistance:

[COVID-19 Legal Resources](#)

[Legal Issues during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[Work, Coronavirus and the Law: FAQs](#)

[Housing, Coronavirus and the Law: FAQs](#)

[Money and Debt Issues Related to Coronavirus](#)

To support our community while we shelter in place, AgeGuide will be sharing new resources each week to help older adults and their loved ones stay informed, healthy and connected. AgeGuide has also compiled resources to support older adult and families during COVID-19 on its website which will be updated regularly. To see our resource page, [click here](#).

AgeGuide Northeastern Illinois was established in 1974. Services funded or coordinated by AgeGuide meet the diverse needs of the most rapidly growing population in Illinois. Over 681,000 seniors age 60 and over live in the agency's eight-county service area:

DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties

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