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## Our Programs



### Free Disaster Legal Assistance Hotline

Free legal assistance and legal resources for survivors of natural disasters. Call our hotline for help or visit our website at [disasterlegalservicesca.org](https://disasterlegalservicesca.org)

Open to Counties Monterey and North

Hotline: 888-382-3406

### Free Legal Answers

Write your wildfire or COVID-19 related legal question and a lawyer will write you a free response.

[ca.freelegalanswers.org](https://ca.freelegalanswers.org)



### Wills Assistance for Emergency Responders

Free estate planning materials for essential workers, and those affected by wildfires. Volunteer lawyers are available to answer questions about completing the forms.



[disasterlegalservicesca.org/wafer](https://disasterlegalservicesca.org/wafer)



## What are legal problems?

Many people don't know that a lawyer can help with a lot of problems - even if they are not in court. Here are some common problems lawyers can help with, whether your problem are related to Covid-19 or to the wildfires:

### Insurance:

- Knowing your rights
- What the insurance company has to do
- How to negotiate
- What is covered
- Money to pay temporary expenses

### FEMA and SBA Benefits:

- Applying for benefits
- Appealing a denial of benefits

### Homeowners:

- Mortgage issues
- Foreclosure

### Employment:

- Being fired
- Unemployment benefits
- Discrimination
- Problems with overtime, breaks, or paychecks
- Working when it doesn't feel safe

### Landlord-Tenant:

- Raising the rent
- Forcing a tenant to go or stay
- Not making repairs
- Agreements to pay later
- Evictions

### How to Replace Personal Documents

- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards, etc.