Veterans’ Hotline Hours & Number

You can access civil legal help by calling the veterans’ hotline at (443) 863-4040 during the following days and times:

- Tuesdays, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Thursdays, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hotline hours are subject to change. Check www.mdlab.org for the most up-to-date information.

Financial Eligibility

Maryland Legal Aid’s services are free for financially eligible individuals. Financial eligibility is based on income and assets available to the household.

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Maryland Legal Aid is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal services to Maryland’s most vulnerable residents and communities and is dedicated to protecting and advancing human rights for all.

**About the Joining Forces Project**

Maryland Legal Aid’s Joining Forces project is a free, statewide legal telephone hotline specifically for low-income individuals who have served in any branch of the military. Callers receive direct and immediate access to legal assistance and brief advice on a wide range of civil legal issues.

**Have you served in the military?**

If you are financially eligible for the hotline services and have served in the military, regardless of your military discharge status, you can call the veterans’ hotline at (443) 863-4040 for help with your civil legal issues.

The veterans’ hotline will provide assistance with a number of civil legal issues, including but not limited to:

**Consumer Rights**
- Bankruptcy
- Debt Collection
- Foreclosure
- Wage Garnishment

**Family Law**
- Child Support
- Custody and Visitation
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence

**Government Benefits**
- SNAP (Food Stamps)
- SSI & SSDI
- Temporary Cash Assistance
- Unemployment

**Housing**
- Breach of Lease
- Evictions
- Foreclosure
- Landlord/Tenant issues

**Veterans’ Benefits**
- Disability
- Education
- Pensions
- Upgrades and Discharges

If you need more extensive legal representation, beyond what is available by telephone, you may be referred to a volunteer attorney who may be able to provide further guidance and assistance.

Maryland Legal Aid does not handle criminal matters.

*Only an advocate certified by the Veterans’ Administration (VA) can represent an individual in a Veterans’ Benefits appeal. Callers to the hotline seeking assistance with Veterans’ Benefits matters may be referred to or placed with a VA certified attorney.*