

Clare's Law

Clare's Law gives people at risk of intimate partner violence a way to get information about their intimate partner to make informed choices about their safety. Under Clare's Law, there are two ways to receive information:

The Right to Ask is when a person applies to receive information about their risk of interpersonal violence.

The Right to Know is when the police proactively disclose information directly to a person at risk of intimate partner violence if they become aware a person is at risk.

Making an Application

Applications can be made online at www.gov.nl.ca/claresslaw or in person at a police station. All applications are processed by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), depending on where you live.

When applying, applicants must provide information about themselves, their relationship and the intimate partner who is the subject of the application. Information about the relationship and why an application is being made must also be provided.

Applications can also be made on behalf of a person at risk by a designated support person. Consent of the applicant is required in this case. This support person can assist applicants throughout the application process.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for information under Clare's Law, applicants must live in Newfoundland and Labrador, be in a current or former intimate partner relationship, and have a reason for requesting the information, such as a concern for their safety or well-being. Applicants must also be willing to speak with the police to receive information about their risk.

After you Apply

Once an application is made, police will use the information in the application and their databases to ensure the eligibility criteria are met and assess an applicant's risk of violence from an intimate partner. Application processing times may vary depending on a variety of factors.

Once an application is processed, the police will request an in-person meeting to discuss the applicant's risk level. Risk is classified into four categories – Low, Medium, High, or Insufficient Information.

Along with the risk level, police will provide contextual information about the risk. The information provided at a disclosure meeting will be provided verbally and must be kept confidential. Police will meet with all applicants, regardless of the assessed risk level, as long as the eligibility criteria is met.

Please call 911

if you or someone you know
is in immediate danger.

Call or text the Domestic Violence Help Line at 1.888.709.7090

to get help anonymously. The Help Line
operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

