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Fitzroy Legal Service Inc.

Brief History

The Law Handbook 2016 is the practical guide to the Victoria's laws since 1977. Fitzroy Legal Service acknowledged the support of the Victorian Government, particularly the Attorney-General, the Hon. Martin Pakula MP in constructing the handbook.

Scope and Coverage

The Law Handbook 2016 includes all the detailed information about the laws of Victoria. The handbook arranges its content in 12 sections, these are:

1. Understanding our laws and courts
2. Relationships, families and young people
3. Consumers, contracts, the internet and copyright
4. Rights, activism and fair treatment at work
5. Getting help
6. Managing your money
7. Health, aged care and wills
8. Accidents, insurance and compensation
9. Fines, infringements and criminal law
10. Houses communities and the road
11. Disability, mental illness and the law
12. Government and the individual

Under these sections the handbook covers 90 topics like, laws related to Marriage and divorce, Parental responsibilities and child support, Family violence, Dealing with social security, Mortgages, credit cards and other finance products, Transport accident injuries, Fines and infringements, Drug offences, Sexual offences etc.

Kind of Information

The Law Handbook is a practical guide to the law in Victoria, updated by over 80 legal experts. It provides free, comprehensive information about the laws that affect Victorians in everyday life. The content on this website is accurate as at 30th June 2014. The handbook various information regarding the topics.

As for example, the article “**Family Violence**” includes topics like what is family violence, An introduction to the laws treatment of family violence, Family violence intervention orders (state law), Family violence courts, Undertakings in family violence cases, Personal safety intervention orders for stalking, Injunctions under the Family Law Act (Cth), Other actions, compensation, remedies and services, Housing and support services.

Another article “**Buying or selling a house**” includes introduction, Special titles, Conveyancing, Finding the money to purchase, Buying and selling, Negotiating the contract, Solicitor’s role, Complaints, Vendor and purchaser disputes, Building density, Goods and services tax, Foreign purchasers.

The articles in this handbook provide contact information for services that can help and other useful links at the end of each page. The previously mentioned article “**Family Violence**” includes following links for women (and, in some cases, men) in situations of family violence namely Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (www.fvpls.org), Centres Against Sexual Assault (CASA) (www.casa.org.au), Child Protection – Department of Health and Human Services (www.dhhs.vic.gov.au) and 16 others. One can also search contacts and resources from across *The Law Handbook*.

Special Features

- In this law handbook, after each article there are links namely “Look up legal terms in our glossary” and “View Cases and Law”. It facilitate accessing additional information regarding the topic, meaning of related terms, important cases and law regarding the concept.
- The handbook includes a well arranged glossary of terms with ordinary meaning as well as the specific legal meaning.
- There is an alphabetic list of cases, laws and treaties cited in this handbook. The list of laws and treaties includes Commonwealth laws and regulations, Victorian laws and regulations, International laws and treaties. The list can be found under the heading “Getting help” in the content page.
- One can search the database of contacts and resources used in the articles separately under the headings namely section, location, and type. To find detailed legal information, one can browse the 12 sections or use the search function.
- The color-coded sub-menus can help one navigate every section and topic in *The Law Handbook*. One can browse the tags, look up legal terms in the glossary, and search the contacts and resources. The website also provides links to all cases and laws cited in *The Law Handbook*.

Arrangement Pattern

The categories and sub categories of this handbook are arranged topic wise.

Remarks

This handbook is the Victoria’s most trusted practical guide to the law. It includes compendium of all related laws and related concepts. The handbook is a ready to use tool for the Victorians. The handbook also includes detailed about the International laws and treaties. No doubt the handbook is a great source of knowledge regarding the subject.

Comparable Tools

- Handbook on the Economics of Copyright
(<http://www.elgaronline.com/view/9781849808521.xml>)
- Copyright for librarians: the essential handbook
(<http://apo.org.au/resource/copyright-librarians-essential-handbook>)

➤ A Hand Book Of Copyright Law
(<http://copyright.gov.in/documents/handbook.html>)

➤ Law Handbook
(<http://www.lawhandbook.sa.gov.au/>)

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