

Avoid giving Legal Advice by mistake!

What's the difference between legal information and legal advice?

It's sometimes hard to tell!
This info sheet aims to help you understand the difference.



LEGAL INFORMATION

IT'S OKAY TO PROVIDE

- ✓ **General information** about the law and the operation of the legal system.
- ✓ Information based on a **simple reading of the law.**
- ✓ Information about **options and possible outcomes** in a given situation, that is, what the person could do and what might happen as a result.
- ✓ Information that helps someone to **identify that their situation involves a legal issue** and that they may wish to seek legal advice or a legal opinion.

LEGAL ADVICE (OR LEGAL OPINION)

YOU SHOULD NOT

- ✗ State how the law applies to a person's **particular situation.**
- ✗ Provide an **interpretation of the law**, that is, something that requires more than a simple reading of the law
- ✗ **Recommend a particular course of action**, that is, provide **an opinion** on what a person should do and/or their chances of success if they choose a certain option.
- ✗ Give the impression that you are providing **expert legal advice** to help someone decide what course of action to take.

