

How knowmore can help

knowmore provides free legal advice and support to survivors of child sexual abuse. We can talk with you about compensation, redress and other legal issues.

What is knowmore?

knowmore is an independent, community legal service funded by the Australian Government to provide free legal advice and support to survivors of child sexual abuse.

knowmore is confidential and separate to the government.

knowmore's staff

We're a team of lawyers, counsellors, social workers, financial counsellors and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement advisors. We are experienced in working with survivors of sexual abuse and people who have experienced trauma.

We deliver free legal advice and support nationally and we are available 9am to 5pm local time on our advice line 1800 605 762.

How knowmore can help

knowmore can:

- talk with you about your options for redress or compensation
- give you advice if you are considering an application to the National Redress Scheme or if you receive a National Redress Scheme offer. We work closely with Redress Support Services and may refer you to one of these services for assistance.
- discuss free referral options for making a civil claim
- provide advice about the payments available through victims support schemes and other schemes
- help you get access to documents
- give you advice about speaking out about your experience of child sexual abuse
- talk with you about your options if you wish to report child abuse.

We may refer you to a more appropriate service or lawyer if we cannot assist you.

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The National Redress Scheme

The National Redress Scheme (NRS) acknowledges that many children were sexually abused in Australian institutions, holds institutions accountable for this abuse, and helps people who have experienced abuse gain access to justice and redress.

The NRS began on 1 July 2018 and will remain open for 10 years. Applications can be made any time up to 30 June 2027.

What can the NRS offer?

The NRS can offer eligible survivors:

- a monetary payment up to \$150,000
- counselling and support services
- a direct personal response from the responsible institution(s).

To find out more about applying please call call knowmore on 1800 605 762.

Why it's important to get the right advice

If you are a survivor of child sexual abuse it is important to consider your legal options and have all the information you need before you decide what legal action to take.

Accepting an offer from the NRS means giving up your right to continue or start any legal proceedings against the responsible institution(s) or its officials. It is important that you consider this very carefully before you decide to proceed with an NRS application.

Other options

Depending on your circumstances you may have other compensation or redress options available. Call knowmore on 1800 605 762 to make an appointment to talk about your legal options.

How to contact knowmore

- Visit: www.knowmore.org.au
- Free call: 1800 605 762
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