



# Resources

Galiano Renters Forum 2026

## Legal Rights & Advocacy

Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB): The provincial government body that oversees and administers tenancy laws in BC. You can use their Dispute Resolution services to settle conflicts with landlords and find official tenancy forms. CALL 1-800-665-8779

Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC): Offers free legal education and representation for BC tenants. Their website includes a Tenant Survival Guide and template letters for communicating with landlords. CALL 1-800-665-1185

## Financial Assistance Programs

Rental Assistance Program (RAP): Provides eligible low-income working families with monthly cash assistance to help with rent in the private market. CALL 1-800-257-7756

Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters (SAFER): Offers monthly rent subsidies for eligible BC residents aged 60 or older with low to moderate incomes. CALL 1-800-257-7756

BC Rent Bank: Provides interest-free loans and grants to renters who are at risk of eviction due to temporary financial crises. CALL 250-383-6166

BC Renter's Tax Credit: An income-tested tax credit of up to \$400 for eligible renters.

## Emergency Support

BC 211: A 24/7 confidential referral line (dial or text 211) that connects you to social, community, and government services. CALL 211

Women Leaving Violence: BC Housing provides specialized housing programs and second-stage housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Their Emergency Shelter Map helps find drop-in centres and temporary shelters across the province. CALL 1-800-563-0808

Galiano Helps Fund: This limited Emergency Assistance Fund provides small, short-term financial assistance to residents of Galiano Island experiencing unexpected hardship. EMAIL [andrew@islandcare.org](mailto:andrew@islandcare.org)

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