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Everyday Legal Problems and the Cost of Justice in Canada: Infographic

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Everyday legal problems fall into a range of categories:

- Employment
- Family
- Housing
- Personal Injury
- Debt
- Social Assistance
- Immigration
- Medical Treatment
- Treatment by Police
- Disability Assistance
- Threat of Legal Action

Individuals over the course of their lifetime will experience at least one everyday legal problem.

The implications of dealing with and not effectively dealing with everyday legal problems are significant.

The State
- Discrimination
- Housing
- Personal Injury
- Medical Treatment
- Treatment by Police
- Disability Assistance
- Threat of Legal Action

Emotional problems also cost the State

The Canadian Government spends approximately:

- 11.4 MILLION
- 24.8 MILLION
- 450 MILLION
- 101 MILLION

What is an everyday legal problem?

It is an event or issue that happens during normal, daily life that has a legal aspect and a potential legal solution within the civil justice system.

What do Canadians do about everyday legal problems?

- Seek formal legal advice
- Look for information online
- Contact the disputing party directly to try to solve the problem
- Get advice from friends or relatives
- Go to tribunals or courts to solve the problem
- Get help from a union or advocacy group

What do Canadians try to do something about their everyday legal problem.

- 95%
- 45%
- 42%
- 41%
- 30%
- 27%
- 17%
- 15%
- 10%

What do Canadians do about everyday legal problems?

- 95%
- 9%
- 6%
- 5%
- 2%
- 1%

What do Canadians think about going to law?

- 46%
- 42%
- 40%
- 38%
- 36%
- 34%
- 32%
- 30%

Does all this spending mean that everyday legal problems are being resolved?

- 55%
- 30%
- 21%

The implications of not effectively dealing with everyday legal problems are significant.

To address all these legal problems, we need an accessible justice system.