



Woodlands Class Action Settlement

- Information Sheet -

To be eligible for a possible payment, individuals must have lived at Woodlands on or after August 1, 1974 and have suffered abuse there during that time. Where a claim is filed and the claim is successful, a former resident may receive between \$3,000 and \$150,000. A successful claim may also include money for counselling.

Former residents or their representatives have until September 19, 2011 to file a claim for compensation.

Former residents **are not** required to speak in court. The decisions made by the judges will be based on Woodlands files, expert reports, statements by the former residents, their families or supports and any other supporting documents. However, if a former resident wants to speak about his or her claim, he or she may do so.

The Public Guardian and Trustee of BC wants to make sure that all former residents are found, and our office would be happy to provide information to former residents or their representatives.

We also can assist former residents with filing a claim, or can act on their behalf in starting the claims process.

If you, or someone you know lived at Woodlands on or after August 1, 1974 please contact our office at 604.660.5458.

Toll free calling is available through Service BC. After dialing the appropriate number for your area (below) ask to be transferred to **604.660.5458**.

Victoria: **250.387.6121**

Other areas of BC: **800.663.7867**

Klein Lyons is the law firm in charge of the class action.

Former residents or their representatives may also call Klein Lyons directly at 604.874.7171 if they wish to proceed with filing a claim.

Thank you.





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- *Frequently Asked Questions* -

Who is eligible to file a claim?

Anyone who lived at Woodlands on or after August 1, 1974 and suffered abuse there during that time.

How do I file a claim?

You can contact the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC at 604.660.5458 to help you start your claim.

Or you can contact Klein Lyons, the law firm in charge, at 604.874.7171.

What if I need help filing a claim?

Someone else (a family member or friend for example) or the Public Guardian and Trustee can act for you to file a claim if you need help.

What does it cost?

There is no cost to file a claim. If you are awarded a settlement, Klein Lyons will take their fee at that time.

How much can a claim be worth, and will it affect my social service benefits?

If you are awarded a settlement, it can range from \$3,000 to \$150,000. The Settlement Agreement says that any settlement funds are exempt in the calculation of income and assets for social service benefits.

What do I need to file a claim?

Klein Lyons already has the Woodlands files, and this will form the core of your claim. Any other information, paperwork and/or memories/stories you, your family or your supports have could be helpful.

Do I have to give testimony or speak in public?

No. You do not have to testify in court. Your claim can be decided based on the information filed with your claim. If you decide you want to speak about your claim, you may do so.

What is the deadline to file a claim?

Claims will be accepted until **September 19, 2011**.

Where do I get more information?

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