

Your legal rights

Year 7-12

NSW

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Class Activity



A series of statements will be read out. Please stand in the part of the classroom that matches how much you agree/disagree with the statement according to the diagram below.

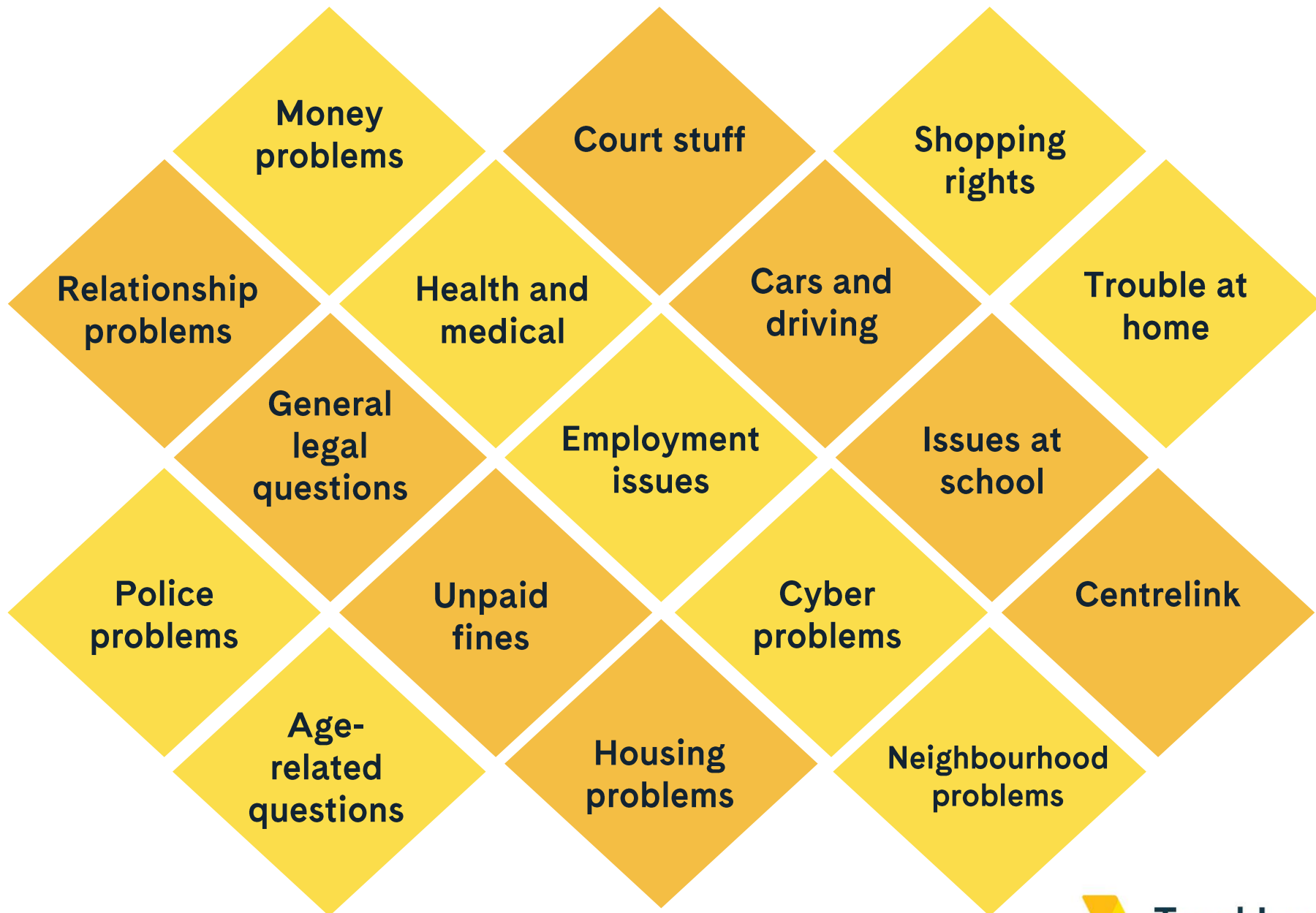
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| Strongly disagree (back left hand corner of the classroom) | Strongly agree (back right hand corner of the classroom) |
| Disagree (front left hand corner of the classroom) | Agree (front right hand corner of the classroom) |

Why do we have laws in Australia?

- To uphold “good order” of society, e.g. some driving laws - known as **Criminal Law**
- To protect relationships between different groups of people, e.g. doctor-patient - known as **Civil Law**
- There are also policies and other documents we may have to follow in specific settings e.g. Workplace Health and Safety at work

Three guiding principles

1. There are laws that protect all people from being harassed, taken advantage of or bullied online, in person, in specific settings or by specific people.
2. There are laws that people have a responsibility to follow in order to support society, e.g. driving laws, public order offences, e.g. property damage or graffiti, age-related restrictions on certain activities, e.g. tattoos and piercings, sex or drinking etc.
3. If you are facing a problem, it is still a good idea to talk to a legal service because they may be able to provide assistance.



Legal support services



Youth Law Australia

Website: www.yla.org.au

Youth Law Australia are able to provide legal assistance to anyone under the age of 25 throughout Australia. You can access general legal information 24/7, and send through your legal questions at any time of the day!



Youth Hotline – Legal Aid NSW

Phone: 1800 10 18 10 – 9am-midnight Monday-Thursday and 24 hours service from Friday 9am to Sunday at midnight and public holidays

Website: <https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/criminal-law/youth-hotline>

LegalAid can provide information and assistance in the area of criminal, family and some civil law matters.

Discussion

Meet Chloe*

*named changed for privacy





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