

## DEADLINE FOR G20 LEGAL ACTIONS EXPIRES ON JUNE 26/27, 2012

During the G20 Summit in Toronto on June 26 and 27, 2010, police trampled on the legal rights and civil liberties of thousands of protestors, legal observers, media personnel, bystanders, and other members of the public.

If you want to hold the police accountable for their wrongful actions and get compensation and justice for any wrong done to you, **you may have to take action immediately**. The **deadline** for taking legal action with respect to many of the claims arising from the G20 Summit will be **June 26 or June 27, 2012**. If you miss the deadline, you may lose your legal right to sue.

Deadlines for filing a police complaint or a human rights application have already expired, but you can still sue the police. You can sue the police in either the Small Claims Court (if you are seeking monetary compensation up to \$25,000), or in the Superior Court if you want to claim a greater amount or ask the Court to do something other than order payment of money.

You should **get advice from a lawyer immediately** if you are considering taking legal action and want to make sure that you don't miss the deadlines. Some lawyers who will provide a free one-half hour consultation about G20 legal claims are listed on pages 87-88 of the Law Union of Ontario's Post-G20 Action Guide ([www.lawunion.ca/g20guide](http://www.lawunion.ca/g20guide)).

If you are a class member in the G20 Class Action, some of your legal rights may already be preserved. See [www.g20classaction.ca](http://www.g20classaction.ca) to check if you are affected by the G20 Class Action.

You may have grounds to make a legal claim where, for example:

- Your right to peacefully protest was denied or unreasonably limited by the police or the government
- You were surrounded by police in a public area and prevented from leaving the area, without proper justification
- You were arrested just for being at or near a protest
- You were wrongfully detained in the Eastern Avenue detention centre, a jail, a police vehicle, or other place
- Police assaulted you by using (or threatening to use) unnecessary force, including in the course of an arrest
- Police searched you or your bag without your consent or a proper legal reason
- You are being wrongfully criminalized and prosecuted
- You were discriminated against or your human rights were violated or your special needs were not accommodated
- Your rights were violated or you were injured in any other way by the police or government



The Post-G20 Action Guide ([www.lawunion.ca/g20guide](http://www.lawunion.ca/g20guide)) also provides answers to your questions about:

- a. What are my rights? (chapter 5)
- b. Do I have grounds to take legal action? (chapter 6)
- c. What does the G20 class action mean for me? (chapter 7)
- d. What are my options for suing the police? (chapter 8)
- e. How do I sue in Small Claims Court? (chapter 9)
- f. What kinds of remedies can I claim in my lawsuit? (chapters 13-14)
- g. Where can I get legal advice or more information? (chapters 17-18)



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