

## ***Fleeing abuse supports***

Albertans fleeing abusive situations like domestic or family violence can get help 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alberta Works financial benefits are available to assist eligible Albertans who are fleeing violent situations.

### **Getting to safety**

- Emergency transportation to a safe place (e.g., women's shelter) is covered.
- If shelters are full or not available, emergency accommodation is arranged in a hotel or motel.
- A \$322 allowance is issued to purchase items that are not available at the shelter.
- Emergency items not available through shelters are also covered, such as prescription drugs, dental or optical services and child care.
- Relocation costs within Alberta or Canada are covered if a person must move out of their community to escape the threat of violence.

### **Starting a new life**

To call for help and to access additional supports such counselling or legal advice:

- \$31 per month for telephone costs is provided, and
- \$62 per month for transportation costs is provided.

### **Setting up a new household**

- A \$1,021 allowance is issued to help set up a new home.
- Damage deposit to secure a residence is covered.
- Financial help is available for needs such as food, clothing, shelter and other basic needs, free from the expectation to seek employment, so personal or family matters can be dealt with.
- Extended health coverage for adults, through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit program is available to all families with limited incomes.
- Extended health coverage for children, through the Alberta Child Health Benefit program is also available to all families with limited incomes.

### **How to Apply**

**Weekdays, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., call:**  
1-877-644-9992 toll free  
780-644-9992 in Edmonton

**Weekends and after hours, call:**  
1-866-644-5135 toll free  
780-644-5135 in Edmonton

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