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Nowadays many Canadians forgo marriage in favour of living common-law. Their reasons are many and varied, but one similarity is that often couples have misconceptions about their rights and obligations. The law is sometimes confusing and there are differences from one province to the next.

During November the **KFPL Live** monthly speakers series offers two presentations on **Formalizing Common-Law Relationships** by local lawyer Paul G. Andrews, an expert in family law matters.

When a domestic relationship comes to an end, whether through a death or a breakup, the rights and obligations of common-law partners can be quite different from those of married people. At an already emotional time, it can be overwhelming to realize you don't know what will happen to the property and possessions you acquired together. And how are children affected when common-law partners part?

Paul will discuss the risks of common-law and other relationships and the legal mechanisms you can use to protect your interests. This discussion will be of particular interest to those who are divorced or separated, single parents and/or their partners, same-sex couples, people in second or subsequent relationships, and anyone else living with or thinking about living with a partner.

There will be two presentations on this topic — one at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, at the Isabel Turner branch, and the other at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, at the Sydenham branch. Both presentations will be the same. There is no admission charge. These talks are open to all adults and teens, but seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please register in advance. Register at events.kfpl.ca (or by phone at 613-549-8888) starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 3.

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