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n.

1. The act or an instance of turning to or making use of a person or thing for aid or in an effort to achieve something: *have recourse to the courts.*
2. One that is turned to or made use of for aid or security: *His only recourse was the police.*
3. *Law* The right of a creditor to demand payment from an endorser or guarantor when the primary debtor fails to pay.

[Middle English *recours*, from Old French, from Latin *recursus*, a running back, from past participle of *recurrere*, to run back : *re-*, *re-* + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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