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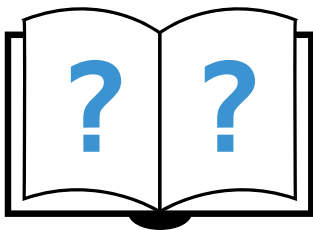


This document was written by Life Without Barriers in Easy English.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Some words are written in **colour**.

We explain what those words mean on Page 7.



- This document explains what **rights** every person with disability has.

A right is something that you are entitled to.

It is something you are allowed to have, and you should expect to have.

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- There is a special group of people from all over the world who look after people's rights. This group is called the **United Nations**.



- Their job is to make sure every person is treated fairly. They make rules that countries should follow, which protect every person's rights.



- The United Nations has a special set of rules that protect the rights of people with disability.

These rules are called the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.

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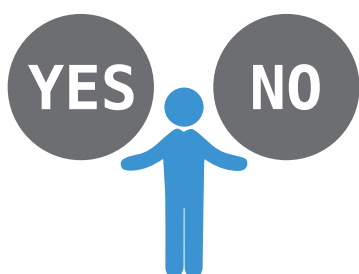
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- These rules explain what countries have to do to make sure people with disability have the same rights as everybody else.

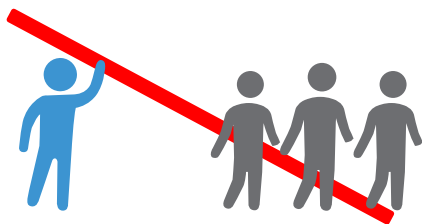


- Australia agrees to these rules, which means you can expect the following rights:



- ✓ You have the right to make your own choices.

This means you decide what you do and don't want in your life.



- ✓ You have the right to be free from **discrimination**.

This means you will not be treated unfairly or stopped from getting any changes you need, because of your disability.



- ✓ You have the same rights as everyone else.

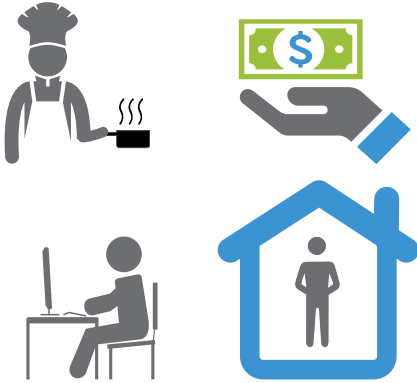
This means you have the same choices that every other person does.



- ✓ You have the right to be respected for who you are.

This means you should always feel safe and treated with dignity.

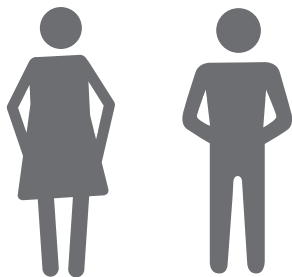
- ✓ You have the right to equal **opportunities.**



This means you have the same choices as everyone else to participate in the community and do the things you want.

This includes choosing:

- if you work
- how you vote
- how you spend your money
- where you live



- ✓ You have the right to be treated the same as people of a different gender.

This means that you won't be treated differently or unfairly because you are female or male.



- ✓ You have the right to **justice** if you have not been treated fairly, or your rights not protected.

This means that you can make a complaint or take people to court if they have treated you unfairly.

There are many people and groups who can support you to do this.



- If you have any questions about your rights, or would like more information, talk to your support network.

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- You, your family or supporters can also talk to Life Without Barriers about your rights.

We welcome your feedback, complaints, or any questions you may have.



- You can talk to Life Without Barriers by:

Phone

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What do these words mean?

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| Rights | <i>Something that you are entitled to and should expect to have, especially with how people treat you.</i> |
| United Nations | <i>A special group of people from all over the world who makes rules to look after people's rights.</i> |
| Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | <i>A special set of rules that explain what countries have to do to make sure people with disability have the same rights as everybody else.</i> |
| Discrimination | <i>Being treated unfairly or stopped from getting the changes you need, because of your disability, gender, ethnicity or religion.</i> |
| Opportunities | <i>Choices to do the things that you want, so you can live your life the way you want.</i> |
| Justice | <i>To be treated fairly under the law, so that if a person treats you unfairly, they can be taken to court and the law will decide a consequence for them.</i> |