

Women with Disabilities Australia



Know your rights



We are Women with Disabilities Australia.

We will write **WWDA** when we talk about us.



This book is about **your rights**.



We wrote this book for women and girls with **disability**.



Read more about **disability** in our book **New Words**.



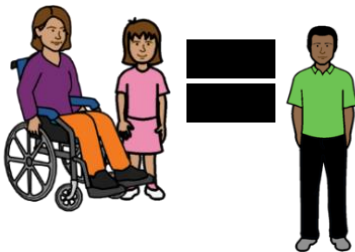
What are rights?

Everyone has rights.



Rights are things you can:

- **be.** Like you want to be a nurse
- **do.** Like you want to go on a holiday
- **have.** Like you want to have children.



Women and girls with disability have the **same rights** as everyone else.



No one can take away your rights.



Basic rights

You have the right to basic things in your life.

Like:



- food and water



- a safe place to live



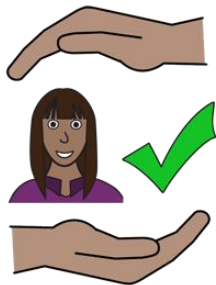
- the right clothes to wear.



Right to be safe

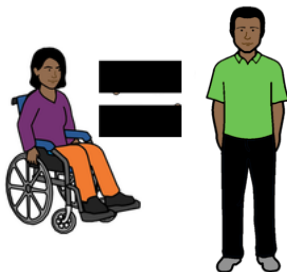


All women and girls with disability have the right to be safe from violence.



Read more about this in our book:

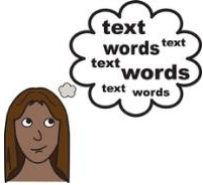
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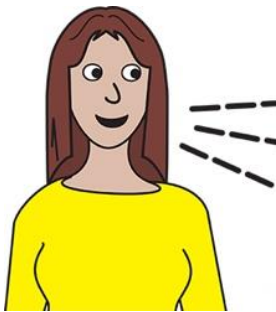
You have the right to be treated in a fair way.



When you are **not** treated in a fair way it is called **discrimination**.



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You have the right to speak up about:

- violence
- **and**
- when you are **not** treated in a fair way.



Rights about your life

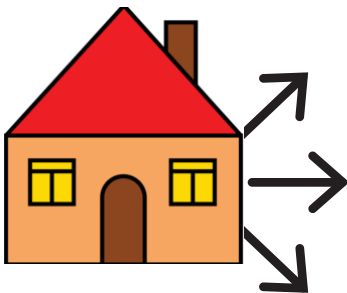


All women and girls with disability have a right to:

- make choices



- have money



- choose where to live

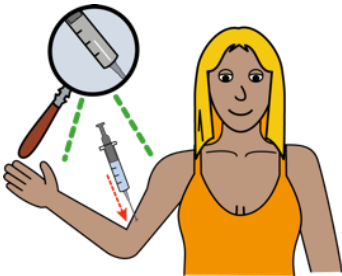
and



- choose what health people you see.

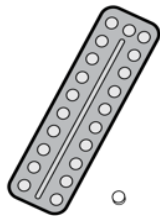
Like a new doctor

and



- make choices about your

- pills
- needles
- creams.





Right to take part

Women and girls with disability have a right to **do things that all women and girls do.**

Like:



- go to school



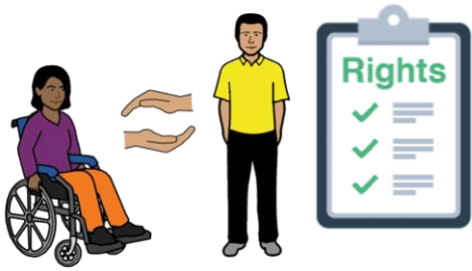
- go to work



- be paid for our work



- vote in elections.



Right to services and supports

Women and girls with disability have a right to:

- **services**
- **supports.**

This may be for your health. Like:



- a visit to your doctor
- to get an x-ray
- to have a breast screen.

This may also be for support workers. Like:



- to help you have a shower
- to help you plan the use of your money
- to help you go out.



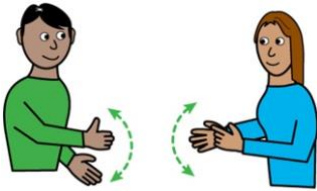
This may also be money from the government. Like:

- a pension
- help to pay your rent.



It may also be information that you can use.

Like information:



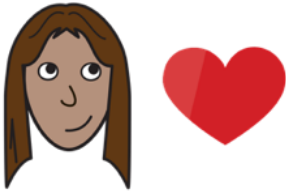
- you can listen to
- in big writing
- in sign language
- in Easy English
- in a different language.





Rights about sex and your body

Women and girls with disability have a right to:



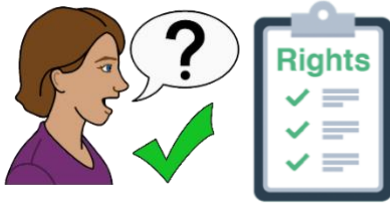
- have relationships
- be loved



- have children



- be respected.



**You can talk to someone
about your rights**



Australian Human Rights Commission



Call: 02 9284 9600

or



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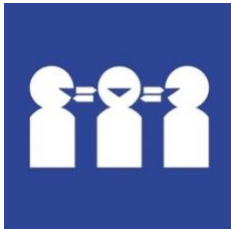


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