**Women with**

**Disabilities Australia**



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**Know your rights**



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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.**

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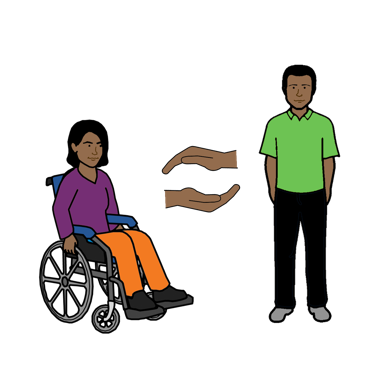
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## **What are rights?**

Everyone has rights.

Rights are things you can:

* **be.** Likeyou want to be anurse
* **do.** Like you want to go on a holiday
* **have.** Like you want to have children.



A close up of a womans face

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the **same rights** as everyone else.

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No one can take away your rights.

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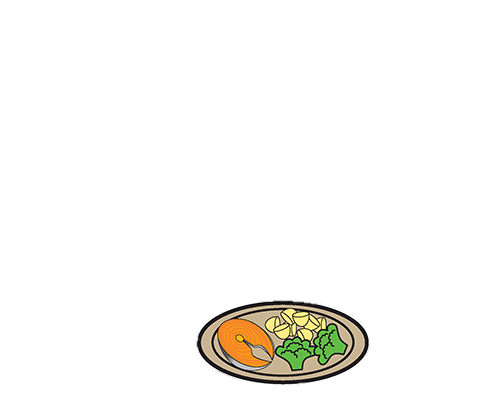
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## **Basic rights**

You have the right to basic things in your life.

Like:





* food and water



* a safe place to live



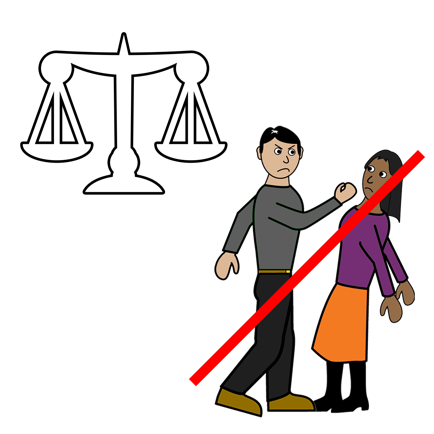
* the right clothes to wear.

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## **Right to be safe**



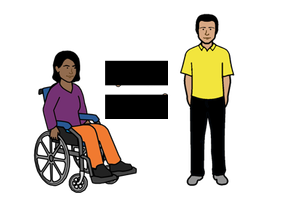
All women and girls with disability have the right

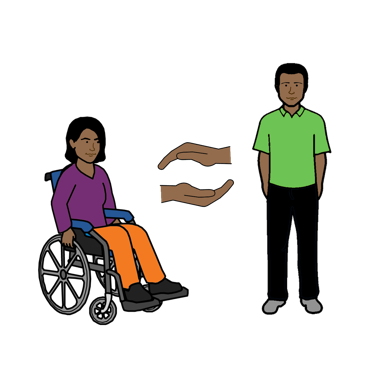
to be safe from violence.

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**You have the right to be safe from violence.**





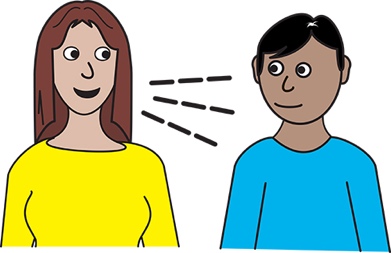
You have the right to be treated in a fair way.

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**A drawing of a person

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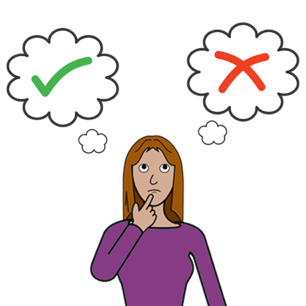
You have the right to speak up about:

* violence

**and**

* when you are **not** treated in a fair way.

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All women and girls with disability have a right to:

* make choices



* have money



* choose where to live

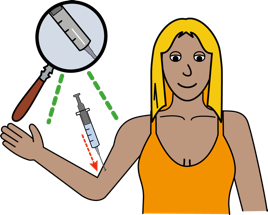
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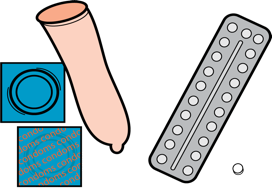


* choose what health people you see.

Like a new doctor

**and**



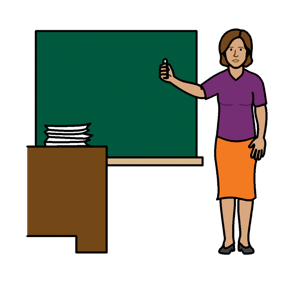
* make choices about your
* pills
* ****needles
* creams.

**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

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* go to work

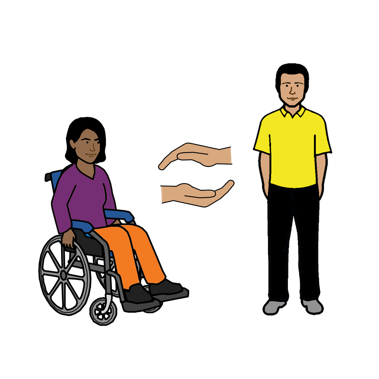


* be paid for our work

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* vote in elections.

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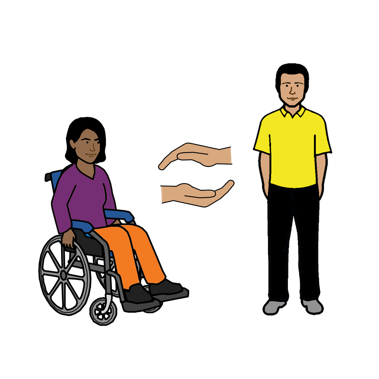
Women and girls with disability have a right to:

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



This may be for your health. Like:

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

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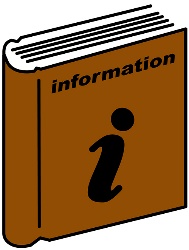
This may also be for support workers. Like:

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



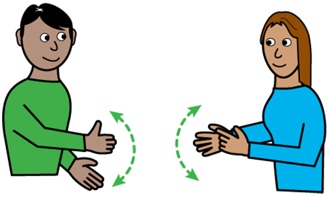
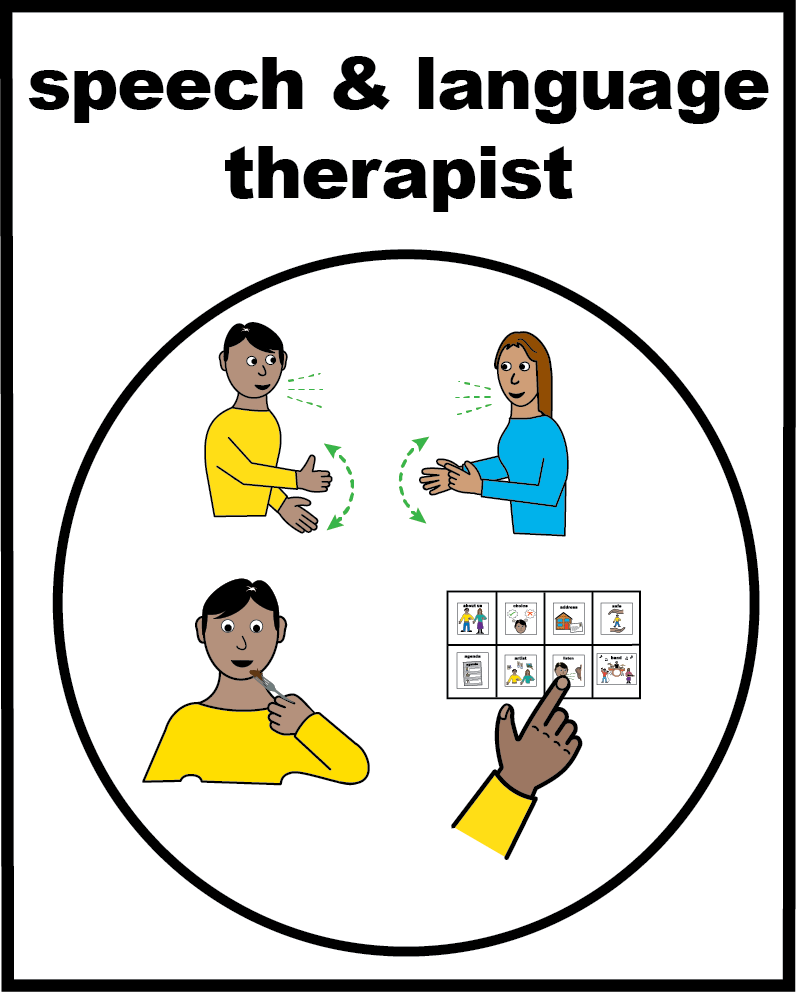
This may also be money from the government. Like:

* a pension
* help to pay your rent.



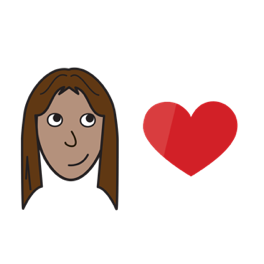
It may also be information that you can use.

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:

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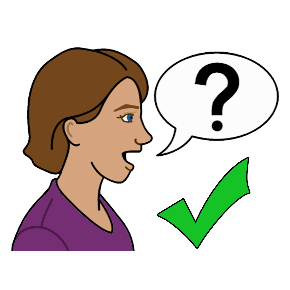
* have relationships
* be loved

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* have children



* be respected.

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**You can talk to someone**

**about** **your rights**



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