



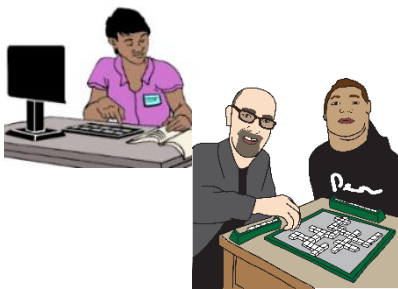
**Our plan for Autism.**

**More things to think about.**



We are the Government of South Australia.

We say SA Government.



You are autistic. We want services to help you feel part of your community.

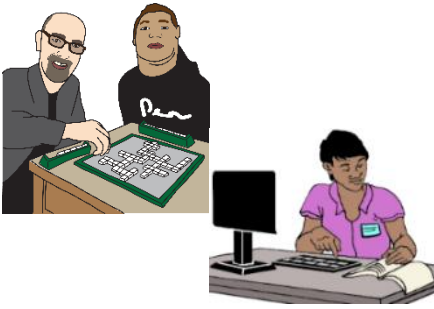


This book has **more** ideas to think about.



Read the questions in Book 4.

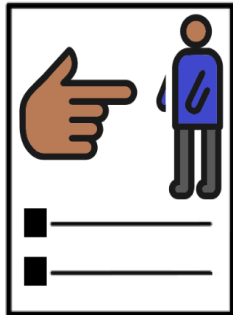
You can tell us what you think.



**You are part of your community**



**You are autistic.**



**You need help that is right for you.**

**But**



**You may **not** know what help you can get.**



Other people want to help you.  
They need to know what to do.



Some people think they know  
what autism is.

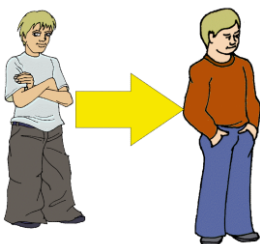
**But**



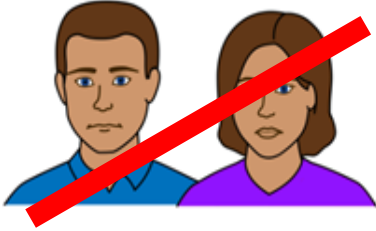
They may think

- only boys have autism

**or**



- you grow out of autism.



People may think you do **not** have feelings.



People need to know more about autism.

**Then**



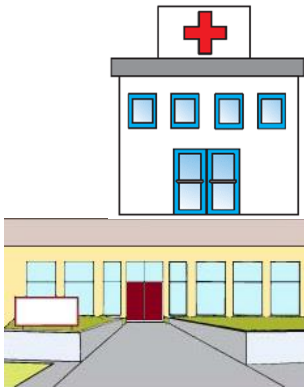
You can take part in things.

You feel safe.





## SA Government services



You may use

- hospitals
- schools
- police.



Staff want to help you.

**But**



They may **not** know what to do.



Some places are **not** good for you.

Like the sounds hurt your ears.



Some times people do the wrong thing.

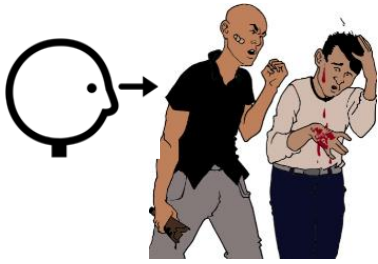
Like a person steals your money.



Police talk to you. They ask you questions.

They do **not** give you time. You may get upset.

It makes it hard to say what you want.



It may be

- you see a bad thing

or



- a bad thing happens to you
- you do a bad thing.





## Your autism



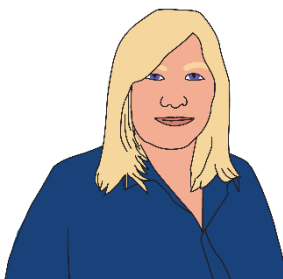
You went to your doctor.

Your doctor says you are autistic.



It can be hard to know you are autistic.

The doctor may **not** always know.



This can happen for

- women
- girls.



You are autistic. You may get help. Like from

- your school
- your job
- your parents.

**And**



The SA Government may help you.



## Your health



You want to stay well. Like you

- eat good food
- move your body.

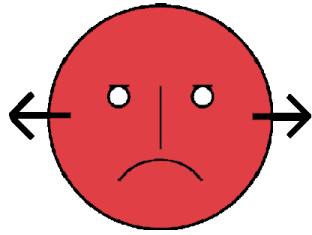


You may feel sad. You worry.

Or



Your ears hurt.



You go to the doctor.

The doctor says it is from your autism.

You may **not** get the right help.



You stay home. You feel more sad.



## How you learn



You may go to

- school



- tafe
- uni.

**But**



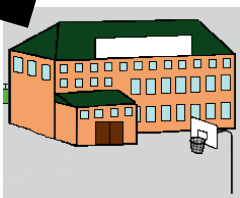
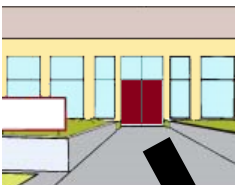
Lots of autistic children stop school.

It is before they are 16 years old.



It may be

- you get a new teacher
- there are lots of other people.



You may go to a new school. You were in year 6.

You start year 7. It is at a different school.

Every thing is new.

You get a different teacher for every subject.

Each teacher teaches in different ways.



The SA Government wants to help you learn.



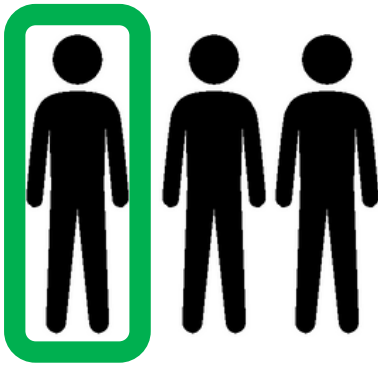
We will have more teachers

- to help you.
- who know about autism.

This will start in 2023



**You want a job**



Only some autistic people have a job.



You have skills. You want a job.



It can be hard to get a job.

You may need help.





## About the places you use



You go to places. Like your

- shops
- school
- hospital.



Some places are good.

Some places are **not** good for you.



Places may

- smell funny
- feel cold
- feel yuck.

**Or**



Places may

- sound bad. It hurts your ears



- have bright lights. It hurts your eyes.

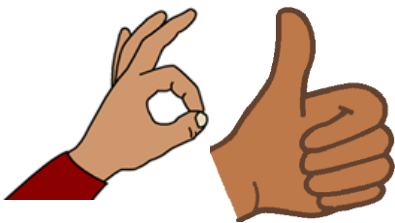


Some times places change.



Like the things in the room change.

This can be hard for you.



We want places to

- feel safe
- be easy for each person to use.



**You want to know more?**

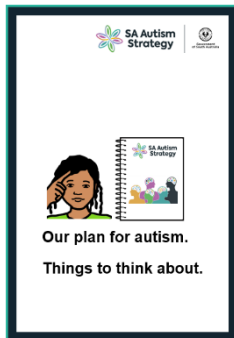


**Read**

**Book 1.**

**A plan for Autism.**

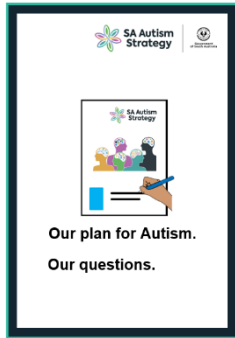
**In South Australia.**



**Book 2.**

**Our plan for Autism.**

**Things to think about.**



Book 4.

Our plan for Autism.

Our questions.



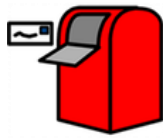
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