

Our report to the DRC.

Help in an emergency.



Women
With
Disabilities
Australia
(WWDA)

We are Women with Disabilities Australia.
We write **WWDA** when we talk about us.



You want to know more about WWDA.

Go to www.wwda.org.au

Click the **About us** button.

Now.



Open the **About WWDA** button.



Read **About us**. It is in Easy English.



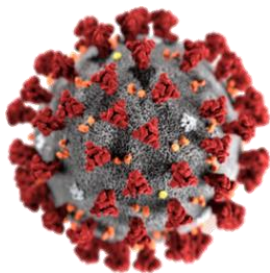
This report is 1 of our reports to the Disability Royal Commission.

We write **DRC** when we talk about the Disability Royal Commission.



It is about problems in emergencies. Like

- bush fires



- COVID 19.

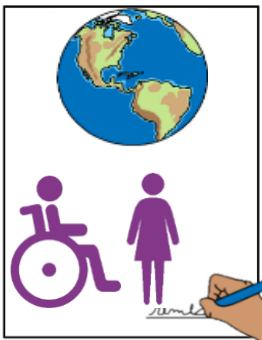


Rules



There are laws about emergencies.

They say we have the right to be safe.



Like The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We write **CRPD** to talk about it.

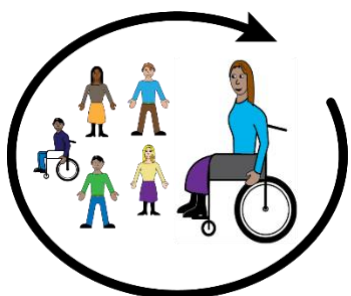


The CRPD are rules for the whole world.

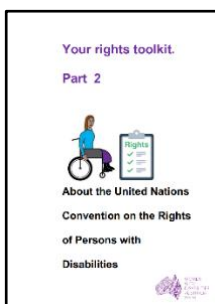
It tells us about the rights of all people with disability.



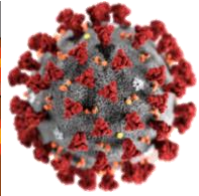
The Australian Government signed the CRPD.
They agree to follow these rules.



Australia agrees people with disability must be
part of their community.



Learn more about the CRPD. Go to page 22.



Big emergencies



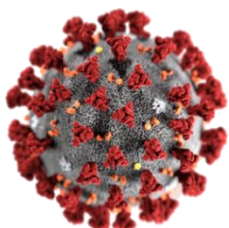
The CRPD says all emergency plans **must** plan for people with disability. Like

- where people with disability can go
- gives the right help to people with disability
- has help for different sorts of disabilities.



There are big emergencies. Like

- bush fires



- COVID 19.



The government has a plan.

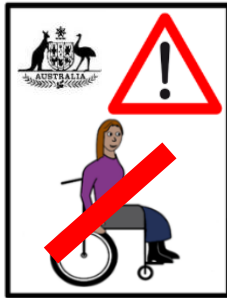
It is to help people in a big emergency. Like

- to keep people safe
- to give people the help they need.

It is a plan to tell people

- what people need to do
- where people need to go.

But



The plan does **not** talk about

- people with disability
- the right help for people with disability
- what people with disability can do
- where people with disability can go.



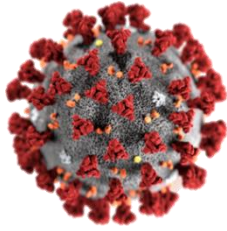
This is **not** ok.



There have been big emergencies in Australia.

We all had to know about them. Like

- the Black Summer bush fires in
 - 2019
 - 2020
- COVID 19.



Learn about COVID 19. Go to page 24.



The emergency plans for us

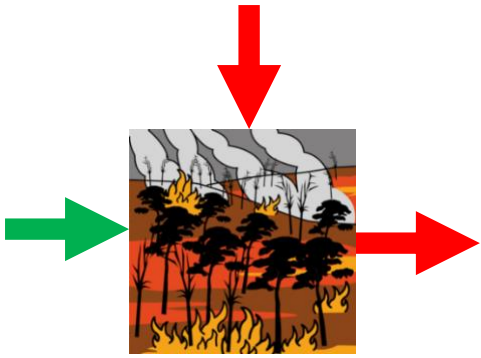


Lots of women and girls with disability said they

- did **not** get help
- or
- did **not** have the right help for their disability.



The government emergency plan has
lots of steps.



The plan says what to do

- before there is an emergency
- when there is an emergency
- right after an emergency.

But

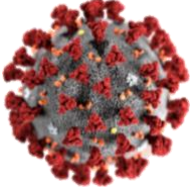


There are a lot of problems. The plan does **not** talk about women and girls with a disability.



The plan **must** plan for people with disability in all the steps. The plan **must** say

- what people with different disabilities need
- how to help people with different disabilities.



Lots of women and girls with disability say there were lots of bad things in the plans for

- The Black Summer bush fires
- COVID 19.



There were many things **not** in the plan.



Like

1. How you see the people who help look after your health. You must see them to stay well.

Like

- go to your doctor
- go to your therapist.

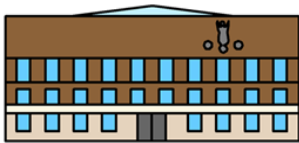


The government said you can see them
on a computer.

But



You do **not** have a computer.
You can **not** get the care you need.



2. The bush fire may be near you.

The news says we need to go to a safe place.
Like the hall in the middle of town.

But



You do **not** have a car. You can **not** get there.



3. Other people got some more money.



You did **not** get more money.

Your carers did **not** get more money.



4. You can **not** go to other houses.

Other people can **not** come to your home.

But

You need help at home. Like

- help to shower
- staff in your home.

You can **not** have the staff at home.



5. There was new information all the time.

The information told people about

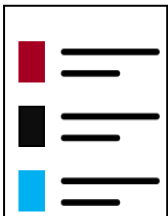
- the emergency
- what you need to do to stay safe
- where to get help.



You can **not** understand the information.

You do **not** know the new rules.

You do **not** know what to do.

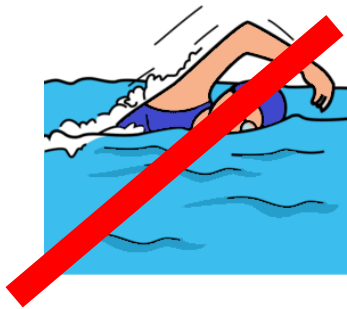


There was **no** information

- in Easy English
- you can listen to



- in Large Print
- in a different language.



6. You have to stay home. You feel cut off. You

- do **not** understand why
- can **not** see friends
- can **not** do the things you do.

Like go for your swim.



7. A person is violent to you. Like

- they grab you all the time. It hurts you
- they say bad things to you.

They do it all the time.



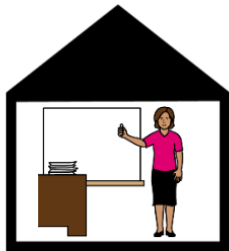
You do **not** have a safe place to go.

It is because of your disability.



Problems in all parts of your life.

We told the DRC about this.



Some problems happen in all parts of your life.

It does **not** matter where you are. Like at

- school



- work



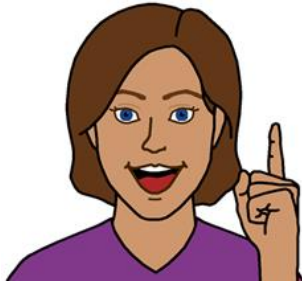
- home.



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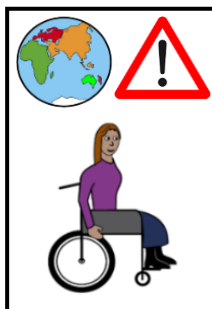
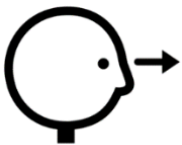
Ideas for change



1. We want a plan for all Australia. It will help all people with disability in emergencies.

Like

- bush fires
- floods.



2. Some other countries have good emergency plans for people with disability.

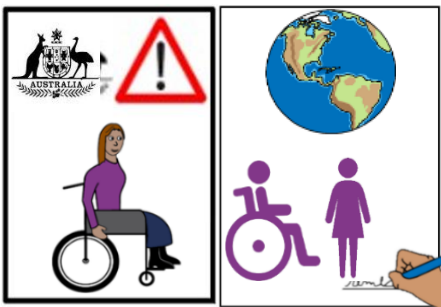
The government needs to look at these plans.



3. We want women and girls with disability to be in meetings about emergency plans



We can talk about how to make things better.



We can talk about

- emergency plans

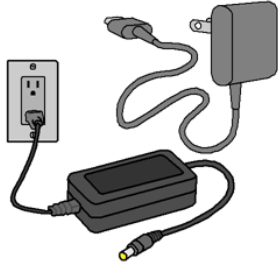
and

- the CRPD.

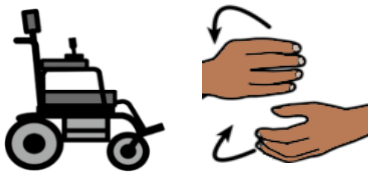


4. The government listens to us about what we need. Like

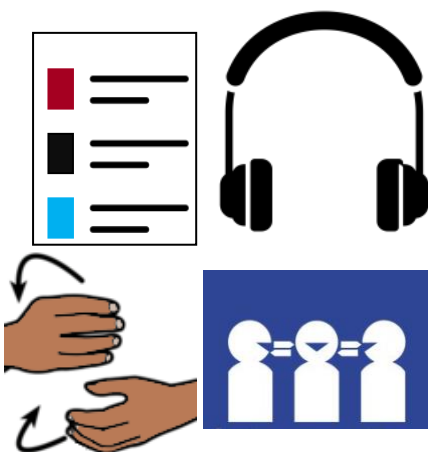
- a quiet place to talk



- chargers for the things we need



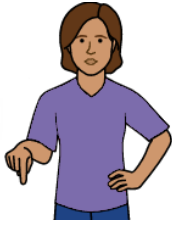
- how to help all kinds of people with disabilities.



6. You get information in a way you understand.

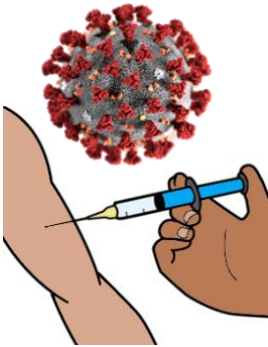
Like you get information

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- you can listen to
- In Auslan
- in Large Print
- in a different language.

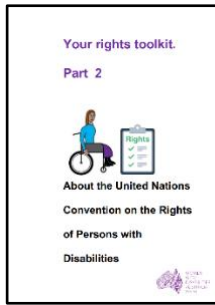


8. You get information about the emergency

- from the government
- at the same time as every one else.



6. The government has the same rules
for every one. Like when staff get their
COVID 19 needle.



Learn more about the CRPD

It is in Easy English.



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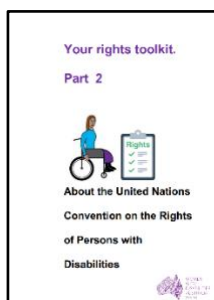
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Open the **Your Rights Toolkit** button.

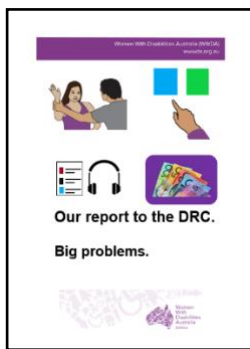


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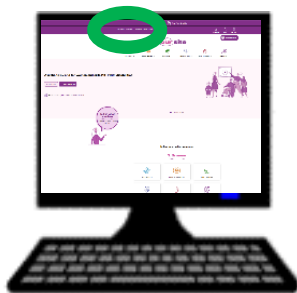
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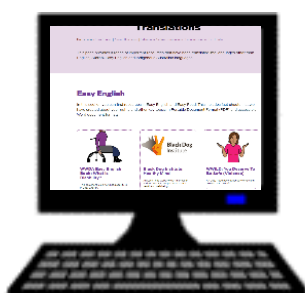
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Look for the

Safety from Violence button.

Here is all our Easy English about the DRC.



Learn about COVID 19

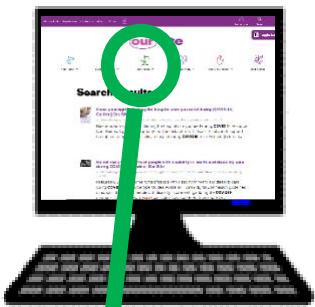
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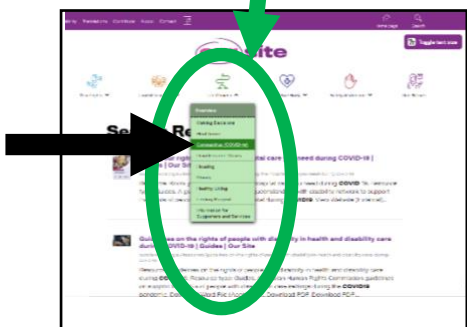
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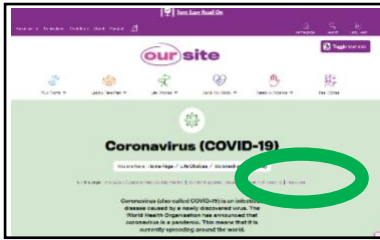
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Go to **Life Choices**.



Click on the **About Coronavirus** button.



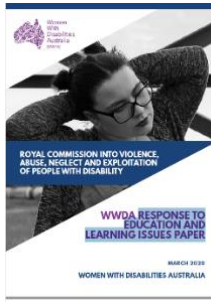
This is our COVID 19 web page.

Click on **resources**.



It will go to the bottom of the web page.

Here is our Easy Read. **What is COVID 19?**



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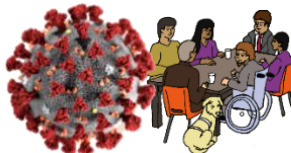
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