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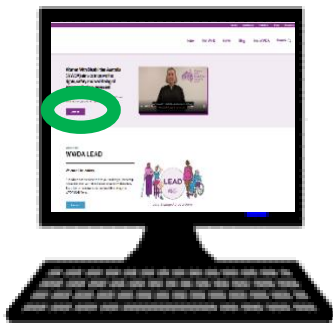
**Violence and abuse**

**in group homes. Part 2.**



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

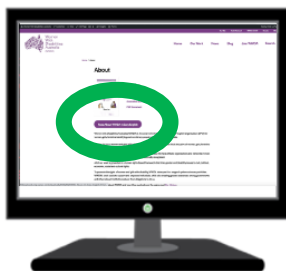


You want to know more about WWDA.

Go to [www.wwda.org.au](http://www.wwda.org.au)

Click the **About us** button.

**Now.**



Open the **About WWDA** button.



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



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

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



This report is about violence and abuse in group homes.

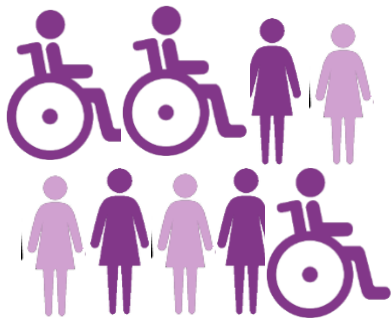


WWDA know lots of women and girls with disability get hurt.

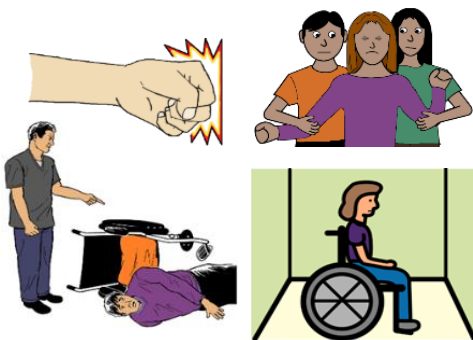


Violence happens to many people with disability.

**But**



It happens more to women and girls with disability.



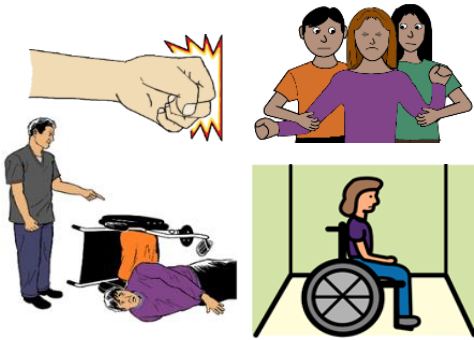
There are lots of ways women and girls get hurt in group homes.



Also read

**Our report to the DRC.**

**Group homes. Part 1.**



## Violence and abuse in group homes.



There may be more types of violence and abuse.

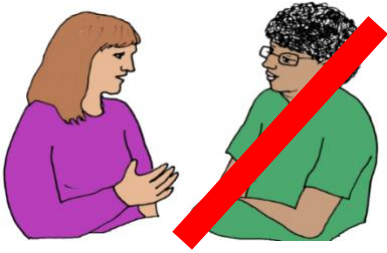


It may be by

- staff
- other people you live with.



You may be hurt. It is all the time.



You do **not** feel safe.

There is **no one** you can tell.



Staff may do things. It changes you. Like

- staff give you pills.

The pills make you sleep all the time



- staff make you stay in a room by your self.

It is for a long time. You do **not** know how long you will be there.



- staff hold you. You can **not** move.

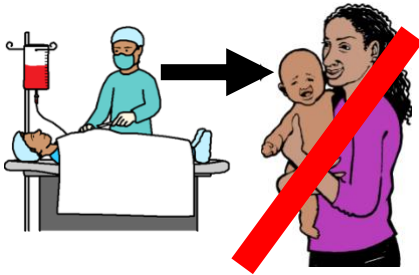
It hurts where they hold you.



Other people make choices about your health.

It is about your body. Like

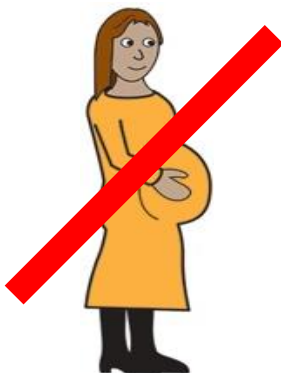
- staff give you pills. It stops your period.



- you had an operation. No one asked you.

Now.

You can **not** have a baby.



- you are having a baby.

You are told to stop the baby.

This is called an abortion.

You did **not** choose this.



There may be sex violence. Like

- a person makes you look at rude pictures.  
You do **not** want to do this.

or



- a person looks at you. You are **not** dressed.

or



- a person makes you have sex  
You do **not** want this.







You get hurt. It is sex violence. You tell staff.

**But**

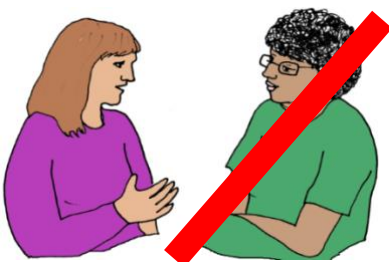


You do **not** get help from

- police
- doctor.



You still sleep in the room where you got hurt.



You do **not** get a person to talk to.

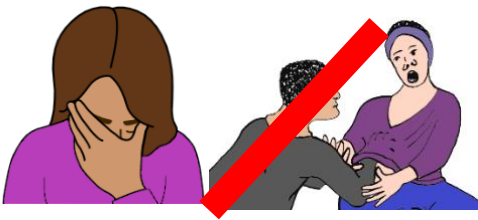
Like a social worker.



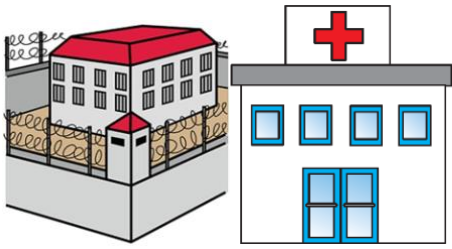
A person you live with makes you have sex.

Staff say it is OK .

**But**



You do **not** want this. This is **not** OK.



You may live in a place you can **not** leave. Like

- a jail
- a hospital.



You do **not** understand why you are there.

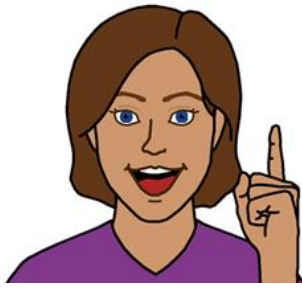
You do **not** feel safe.

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



All violence and abuse is wrong.

The law says it is **not** OK.

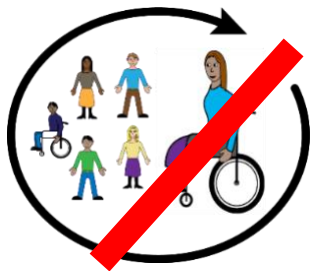


## Ideas for change



1. Women and girls with disabilities want the DRC to think about

- all types of violence and abuse.
- what things make violence happen to women and girls.



2. Women and girls with disabilities want the DRC to know more violence can happen to you.

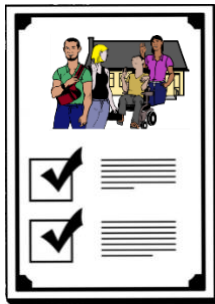
It is because of where you live. You may

- **not** live in your community
- live with lots of other people
- live in a group home.





3. We want the DRC to know the things that make violence happen. Like other people do **not** treat you with respect.



4. Australia has a plan for less violence for all women.  
The plan must talk about group homes.



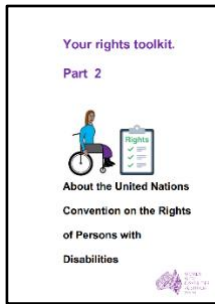
5. The government must have a group to look at

- violence to women and girls with disability

**and**

- how to stop the violence.

We need to be part of this group.



## Learn more about the CRPD

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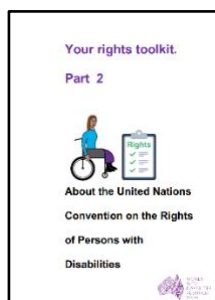
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Go to the **Your Rights** part.

Open the **Your Rights Toolkit** button.

Go to part 2.



Here is our CRPD fact sheet.



## Learn more about

- violence
- abuse.



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Go to the **Safety from Violence** part.



There is lots of information here. Like

- Your right to be safe from violence
- 1800 Respect. Book 1. Learn about violence.



## Our other reports to the DRC

They are in Easy English.



Our report to the DRC.

Group homes. Part 1.

or



Our report to the DRC. Big problems





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Look for the

**Safety from Violence** part.

Here is all our Easy English information about the Disability Royal Commission.

**Or**



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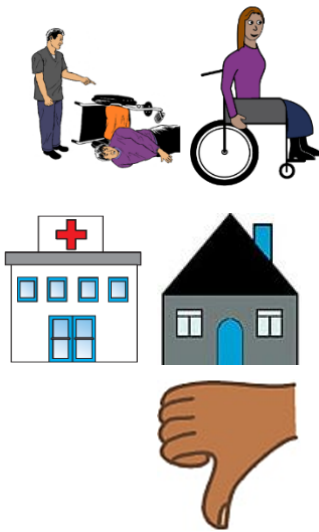
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