



Help for people with disability



Easy English version

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



What we say



We work on Aboriginal land.



We respect Aboriginal elders.

About this book



This book is by Canberra Community Law.



This book is about where to get free help for disability from Canberra Community Law.



This book can help if you

- have disability
- are a carer or family of someone with disability.



Legal help

We give 7 types of legal help for free.



1 Housing law

Housing law can help you

- get public housing
- get repairs
- if you owe money for rent
- if you are being **evicted**.



This is when you are told you cannot live in your home anymore.



2 Social Security Law

Social Security Law can help if you need help with your money from **Centrelink**.



This is money you get from the government.



3 Dhurrawang Aboriginal Human Rights Program

Dhurrawang can help people who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



- with housing questions



- with Centrelink questions



- if you have been treated unfairly because of your race.



4 Street Law



Street Law can help if you

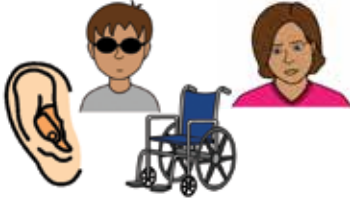
- are homeless
- have a question about the law.





5 Disability Discrimination Law

Disability Discrimination Law can help you if you



- have disability



- are a carer or family of someone with disability

- have a **disability discrimination** question.



This means you have been treated unfairly because of disability.



- Need to understand what the law says you can do to stop being treated unfairly.



6 Socio-Legal Practice Clinic



Social-Legal Practice can help if


- you work with a Canberra Community Law lawyer



- you want help from a social worker.



7 Night Time Legal Advice Service

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Night Time Legal Advice Service can help with questions about the law on Tuesday nights.



Our help is confidential. This means we will not tell anyone

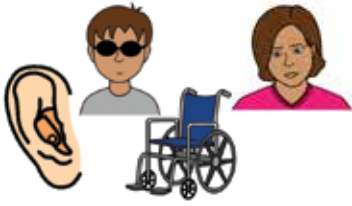


- your name



- what you talk about unless you want us to.

Help for people with disability



You can use any of our services if you

- have disability
- are a carer or family of someone with disability.



We can help you make a **complaint** about disability discrimination



A complaint means

- you tell us you are not happy



- you tell us how to fix the problem.

We can help you make a complaint about a **health service** if it is about disability.

A health service is a person or organisation that helps with health. For example



- doctors



- dentists



- pharmacists



- hospitals



- ambulance.

We can help you make a complaint about a **disability service**.

A disability service helps with people with disability. For example



- to find a place to live



- with day activities and fun



- help at home

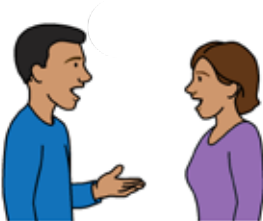


- help when you go out

- **advocacy**.

Advocacy is where some helps you

- understand information



- get your message across.



We can help

- if you need changes to your home because of disability



- if you need to move to a new home because of disability



- if you want help with Centrelink.

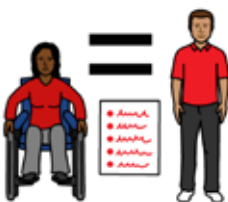
For example

- Disability Support Pension
- mobility allowance.



We can also

- teach people about disability law

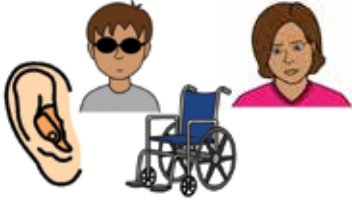


- try to make laws and policies better for people with disability.



We have a Disability Action Plan

This tells you what Canberra Community Law wants to do to help



- people with disability



- parents and carers of people with disability.

You can read our Disability Action Plan on our website.



Go to

<https://www.canberracommunitylaw.org.au/disability-action-plan.html>

Contact Canberra Community Law

If you need our help you can



Call 02 6218 7900



Email info@canberracommunitylaw.org.au



TTY

- call 133 677



Speak and listen

- call 1300 555 727



SMS Relay

- text 0423 677 767



If you cannot use a phone, you can contact the National Relay Service.



Go to their website at

<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/services-people-disability/accesshub/national-relay-service>



Telephone Interpreting Service or TIS

- call 131 450

Canberra Community Law acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work in the ACT and surrounding region and pay our respect to the Ngunnawal elders past, present and future for they hold the stories, traditions, and the cultures of their people. We are grateful that we share this land and express our sorrow for the costs of this sharing to Australia's First Peoples. We will continue to acknowledge the legacy of our history and strive in our goals to empower our community through social justice. We hope that our efforts will contribute to a realisation of equity, justice and partnership with Traditional Custodians of this land.

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