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Our report to the DRC.

Group homes. Part 1.



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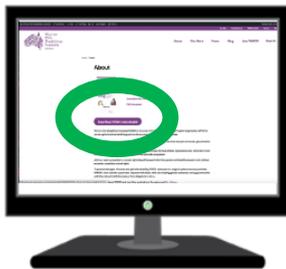


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Click the **About us** button.

Now.



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



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

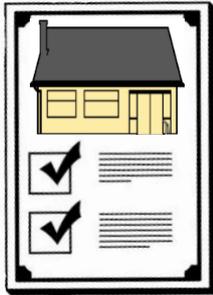
We write **DRC** when we talk about the Disability Royal Commission.



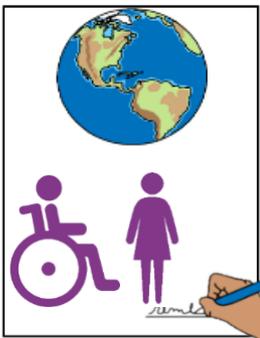
This is our report about problems with group homes.



Rules

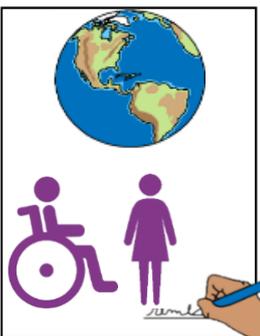


There are laws about how we live.



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

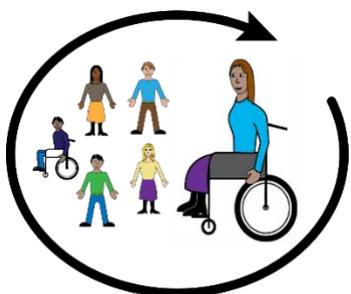
We write **CRPD** to talk about it.



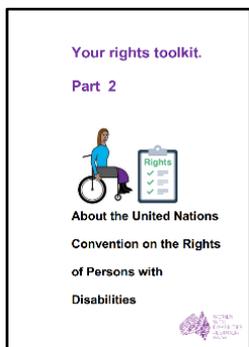
The CRPD are rules for every person from every country. It tells us about the rights of all people with disability.



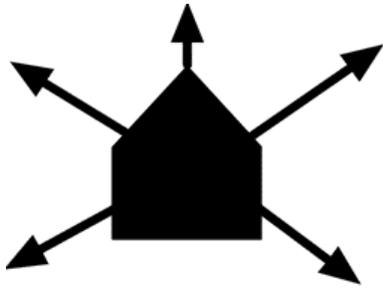
The Australian Government signed the CRPD.
They agree to follow these rules.



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



Learn more about the CRPD. Go to page 25.



Where people live



People with disability can live in lots of different homes. You may live with

- family
- friends
- with your partner
- with your children.



You may live with

- other people with disability

or



- by your self.



Group Homes



You live with other people who have a disability.

You have help from staff.

It is called a group home.



You may live with

- 1 other person

or



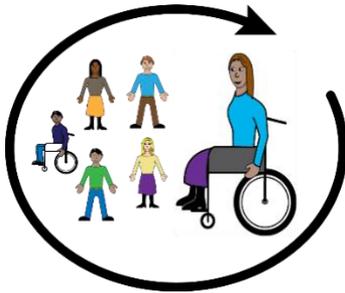
- 3 other people

or

- many other people.



Your Rights



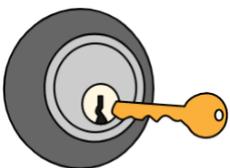
Women and girls with disability have the right to

- live in the community

and



- take part in community life
- have the same choices as other people.



You have the right to be safe at home. Like

- you have your own key to your room
- you are safe at home. You do **not** get hurt.



You have the right to

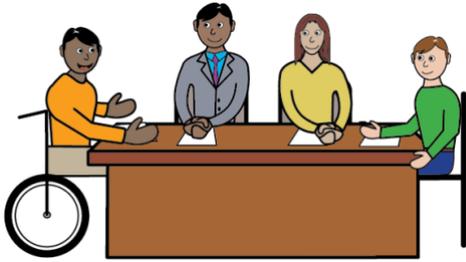
- choose where you live



- choose who you live with



- choose your own staff.



What does the DRC say?



The DRC says some people with disability get hurt. It is in their home.



This is **not** OK.



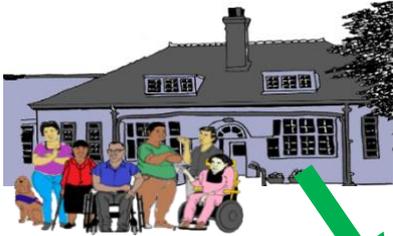
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We agree. You may **not** be safe where you live.



The DRC talks about

- the type of home
- and**
- the number of people who can live there.



The DRC says there can be some changes
to group homes.

Like you can live with only a few people now.

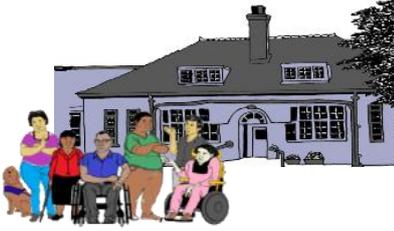
They say it will give you more choice.



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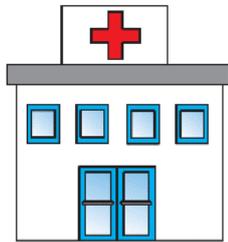


Women and girls with disabilities say
you need the same choices as other people.



Women and girls with disability want the DRC to think about other places you live. Like

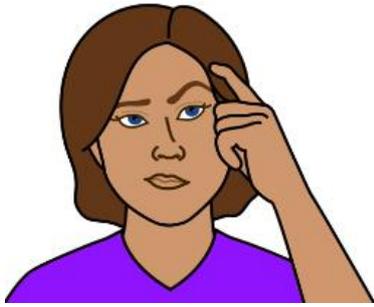
- in large group homes. Lots of people live there



- in a hospital



- with your family
- with your partner.



Some problems



You may live in a home with staff.

You have all the things you need.

But



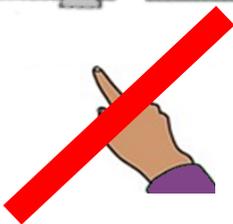
You did **not** have a choice.

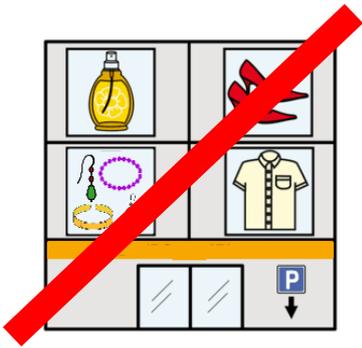
There may only be 1 house you can

- get the help you need

or

- have the things you need. Like a ramp



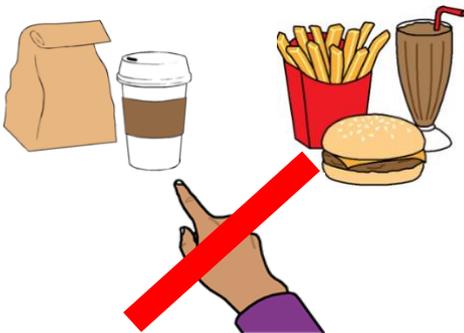


You can **not** do the things you want.

Like you can **not** go to

- shops
- work
- meet your friends.

Or



You can **not** choose

- the food you want
- what time you go to bed.



Some times there is a problem with the help you get. You may

- want more help from staff

or



- you do **not** feel safe with staff

or



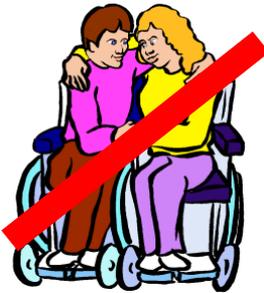
- staff help you to shower. A man helps you.
You want a woman to help you.



Some times the service rules stop you. Like

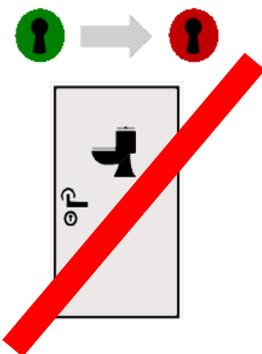
- you choose to shave your legs. The service says you can **not**. They say it is **not** safe.

or



- the service says you can **not** have a special person in your life. Like a boy friend.

or



- you do **not** have private space.

Like you can **not** lock the toilet door.



Some people with disability do **not** get a choice.

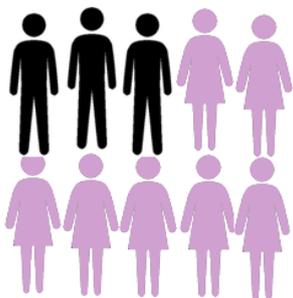
Like you have a Legal Order.

It says a different person chooses for you.

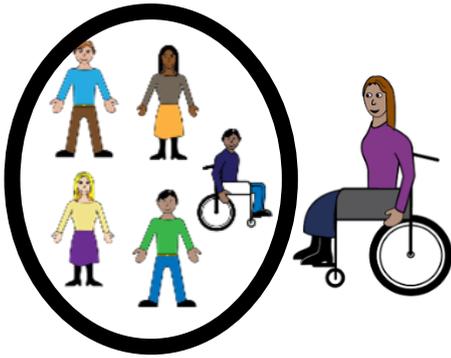


Some women and girls with disability

- do **not** have a home
- do **not** have money for a home
- can **not** get help.



We know women and girls have this problem more than other people.



**You are not part of
your community**



You only see staff.

Or

You only see other people with disability.

You do **not** see other people in the community.



You may be hurt. It is all the time.

You do **not** feel safe.

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



Some times you can **not** go in to the community.

Cars may **not** fit your wheel chair.

Or



You can **not** get into buildings.



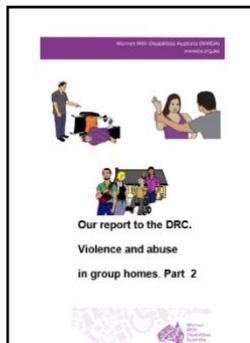
Lots of homes are **not** made for you.



Violence in group homes



There are lots of other ways women and girls may be hurt in group homes. We told the DRC.



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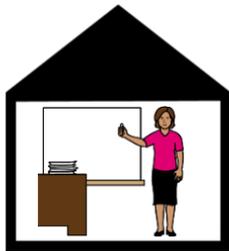
Violence and abuse in group homes. Part 2.

It is in Easy English.



Problems in all parts of your life.

Some problems happen in all parts of your life.



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

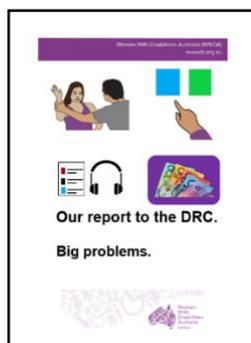
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- work



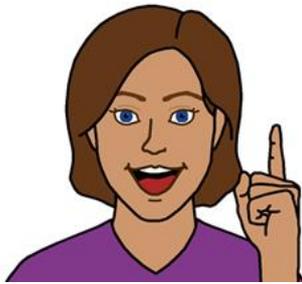
- home.



Read

Our report to the DRC. Big problems.

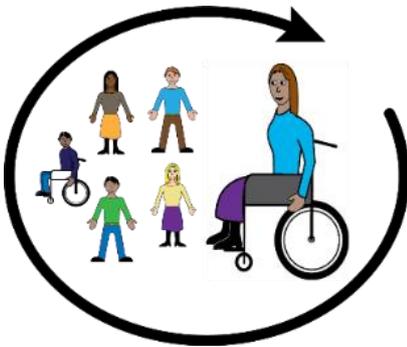
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Ideas for change



1. Woman and girls with disabilities want the DRC to think about how you live.



We want the DRC to talk about how

- you can live in your community



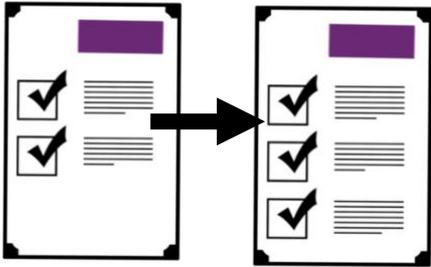
- you can have real choice.

There may be laws to change.



2. Women and girls with disabilities want Australia to change its plan about choice.

You want help to make choices. You do **not** want other people to choose for you

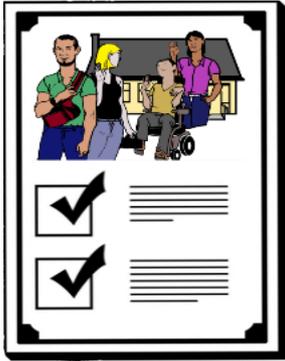


3. The NDIS have rules about where you can live.

Women and girls with disabilities want the NDIS to change this rule.



4. Women and girls with disabilities want to be in planning meetings about homes.



5. Australia has a plan.

It is about less violence to women.

The plan must talk about group homes.

Learn more about the CRPD



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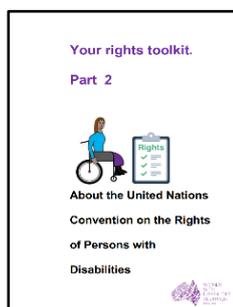
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Go to the **Your Rights** part.

Open the **Your Rights Toolkit** button.

Find part 2.



Here is our CRPD fact sheet.



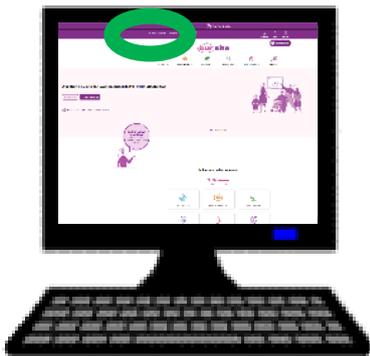
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Safety from Violence part.

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