

Australia's Disability Strategy

2021-2031

Action Plan – Safety

Easy Read version



How to use this plan



The Australian Government wrote this plan. When you see the word 'we', it means the Australian Government.



We wrote this plan in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Not bold Bold

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 44.



This Easy Read plan is a summary of another plan.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other plan on our website at

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads



This plan is quite long.

It includes a lot of information.



You don't need to read it all at once.



You can ask for help to read this plan.

A friend, family member or support person
may be able to help you.

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Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031



Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 is a plan to make life better for people with disability.

In this guide we call it the Strategy.



The Strategy talks about what we can do to make Australia more **inclusive**.



If something is inclusive, everyone can take part.



If Australia is inclusive, people with disability can take part in everything that happens in Australia.

The Strategy also talks about how we must treat people with disability:



- as equals
- with respect.

The Strategy will last:



- for 10 years



- until 2031.

Getting the outcomes we want



Outcomes are the important results we want to get for people with disability.



We must all work together to get the outcomes in the Strategy.

This includes:



- people with disability
- governments
- the community
- businesses
- organisations
- services.

If we all work together, we can make our community:



- **accessible**



- inclusive.

If something is accessible, everyone can use it.

This might be:

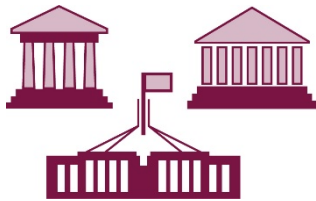


- a place or a building
- transport
- a service
- information
- a website.

Who is the Strategy for?

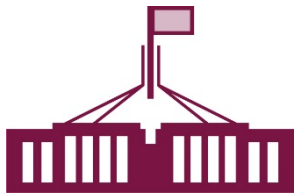


The Strategy is for people with disability.

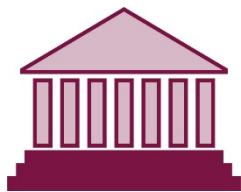


The Strategy is for all levels of government in Australia.

This means:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.



The Strategy is also for the Australian community.

This includes:



- people



- businesses



- organisations



- services.

Our action plans



The Strategy has ideas about how to make life better for people with disability in 7 main areas.

We call these **outcome areas**.



We will do this through Targeted Action Plans (TAPs).

We just call them action plans.



Our action plans talk about what we will do to help get the outcomes.



We talk to people with disability about what should be in our action plans.



We use their ideas to write our action plans.



This action plan is about the Rights for fair treatment and safety outcome area.

Safety

The outcome we want

We want people with disability to:



- feel safe



- have their **rights** protected



- be treated the same as other people in the community.



Rights are rules about how everybody should be treated:



- fairly
- equally.

Our goals



Our Safety action plan has 5 goals.



1. We will get better at knowing if a person with disability is at risk of harm.



2. The services in our community for everyone to use know how to keep people with disability safe.

This includes:



- community services
- services everyone can use
- services for people with disability.



3. Services from the government are made better to support people with disability at risk of harm.



4. Government services:

- use **restrictive practices** less
- stop using restrictive practices.



Restrictive practices are actions that stop people from:

- moving
- doing what they want.

5. We will help people with disability get better at knowing:



- when they are at risk of harm
- who they can tell
- what **safeguards** they have.

Safeguards are things we can do to:



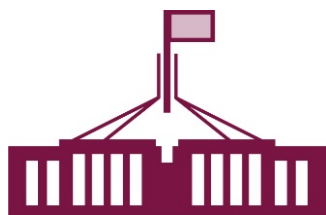
- keep someone safe



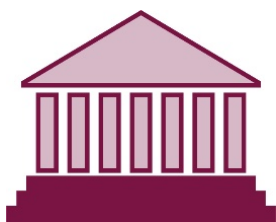
- make sure they still have choice and control.

Actions

Our action plan talks about what:



- the Australian Government will do



- state and territory governments will do.

The Australian Government



NDIS

The Australian Government will make a plan for people who take part in the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**.



The NDIS provides supports and services to many people with disability around Australia.



This plan is about:



- keeping people who take part in the NDIS safe
- safeguards.



The Australian Government will do more to know if someone who takes part in the NDIS is at risk of harm.



The Australian Government will look at what they learnt from a project.



This will help them support other people to know how to tell if a person with disability is not safe.

The Australian Government will write a report about how to get information about children with disability who:



- can't live with their parents or carer



- might live with a different family.



The Australian Government will keep track of how well they are doing to keep people with disability safe from harm.

The Australian Government will write a guide about which safety laws:



- work well
- could change
- need to be better.



The Australian Government will look at NDIS supports to see what's missing.



The Australian Government will write a list of what to do to keep people with disability safe.



The Australian Government will make information that will help stop **violence** against women and girls with disability.

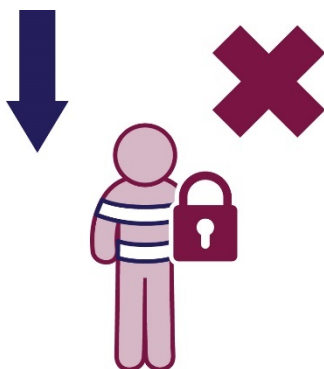


Violence is when someone hurts you.



The Australian Government will look at how restrictive practices are used in:

- NDIS services
- aged care.



The Australian Government will help disability and community services to:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.



The Australian Government will make new laws to better support people who take part in the NDIS.

The Australian Government will make a plan to support:



- people with disability to know their rights



- the community to include people with disability



- organisations that speak up for people with disability.

State and territory governments

New South Wales Government

The New South Wales (NSW) Government will look at ways to know when adults with disability are not safe in their:



- home
- family
- community.



The NSW Government will change a law to better protect:



- adults with disability
- older people.



The NSW Government will keep track of how well laws protect:

- children with disability
- young people with disability.

The NSW Government will keep sharing information about people who are at risk of:



- being treated badly



- not being helped the way they are supposed to be helped



- being taken advantage of.



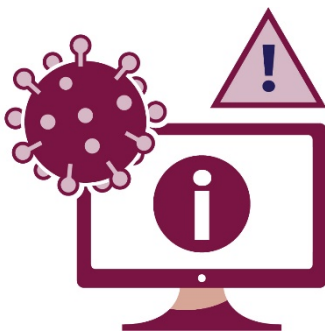
The NSW Government will write easy to understand information about mental health services.



The NSW Government will make a law about how to support people with disability in public hospitals.



The NSW Government will make a support service for people with disability.



The NSW Government will share information about the problems people with disability have when they use services during **COVID-19**.



COVID-19 is a virus that has affected many people around the world.



The NSW Government will make a support service for people who experience violence more accessible.

This includes services for people who experience **sexual assault**.

Sexual assault is when someone:



- makes you do sexual things you don't want to do
- does something sexual to you that you don't want them to do.

The NSW Government will write a guide about how to stop children doing or saying:



- bad things related to sex
- things that aren't right for that child's age or stage in life.



The NSW Government will better support people with disability who experience violence from someone close to them.

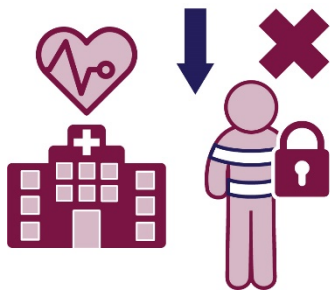


The NSW Government will support services that speak up for people with disability.



The NSW Government will make sure schools:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.



The NSW Government will make sure health care services:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.



The NSW Government will do more to help communities know how to stop violence.

Victorian Government



The Victorian Government will make a new law about keeping children safe.



This new law will help the Victorian Government change child and family services.



The Victorian Government will make changes to their laws about disability.



The Victorian Government will support organisations that speak up for people with disability.



The Victorian Government will support people with disability to use health services.



The Victorian Government will support people with disability who experience violence from someone close to them.



The Victorian Government will support children with disability in court.



The Victorian Government will help prisons understand how to work with people with disability.

Queensland Government

The Queensland Government will make sure communities know more about:



- people with disability who experience violence from someone close to them



- the rights of people with disability.



The Queensland Government will look at laws about knowing how to tell if people with disability might not be safe.



The Queensland Government will make sure disability services know how to:

- tell if a person with disability isn't safe
- help a person with disability who isn't safe.



The Queensland Government will make sure disability workers don't put people with disability at risk of getting hurt.



The Queensland Government will help workplaces stop sexual assault.



This includes teaching people to:

- recognise it
- stop it before it happens.



The Queensland Government will keep track of a plan to stop people with disability experiencing violence from someone close to them.



The Queensland Government will help people with disability who aren't safe find:

- a home
- support.



The Queensland Government will make sure people with disability who go to prison:

- are treated with respect
- get support they need.

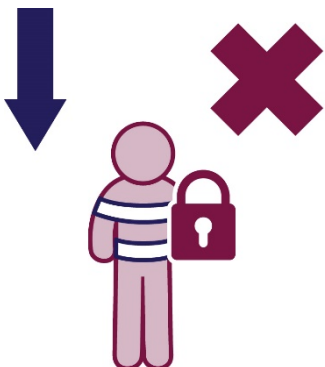


The Queensland Government will do more to support people who:

- take part in the NDIS
- are hard to connect with.



The Queensland Government will help police learn how to support people with disability.

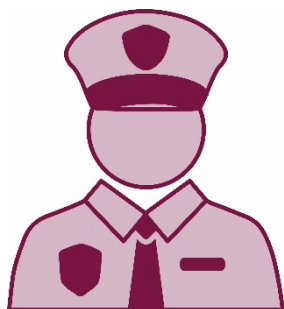


The Queensland Government will look at laws about restrictive practices to see how they can:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.

Western Australian Government

The Western Australia (WA) Government will listen to people with disability when they say what they think about:



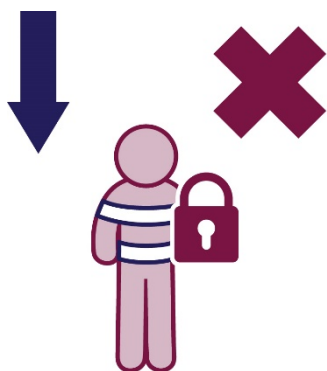
- the police



- an organisation that makes sure roads are safe.

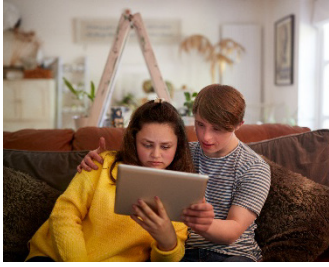


The WA Government will support organisations that speak up for people with disability.



The WA Government will make sure all services:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.



The WA Government will make sure people who take part in the NDIS can find and use safe services.



The WA Government will change laws about how to keep people with disability safe when they:

- use services
- make their own decisions.

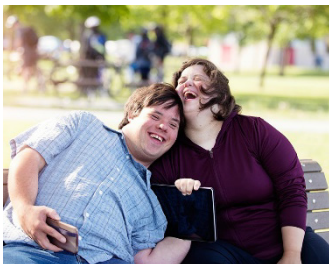
The WA Government will make sure places for women with disability who experience violence to go to are accessible.



This can be places that have:

- housing
- support.

The WA Government will make sure there are enough people who can help people with disability:



- live better lives
- do less to put other people in danger.



The WA Government will do more to support people with disability who experienced a crime.



The WA Government will help schools:

- be safe
- support students with disability.

South Australian Government



The South Australian (SA) Government will research how to support women with disability in community care.



The SA Government will share information to help with a **royal commission** about how to keep people with disability safe.



A royal commission is how the government looks into a big problem.



The SA Government will train their staff about how to work with people with disability.



The SA Government will look at a law about treating disability fairly to see what:

- works well
- could change
- needs to be better.



The SA Government will make sure new **social housing** is accessible.



Social housing provides homes that cost less to live in.



The SA Government will support people with disability to live in accessible social housing.



The SA Government will plan how to connect supports for people with disability who live in social housing.



The SA Government will create Easy Read information about social housing.



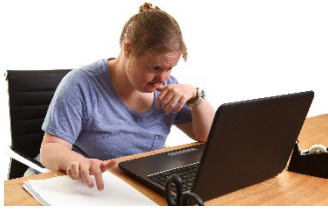
The SA Government will make sure new buildings are accessible.



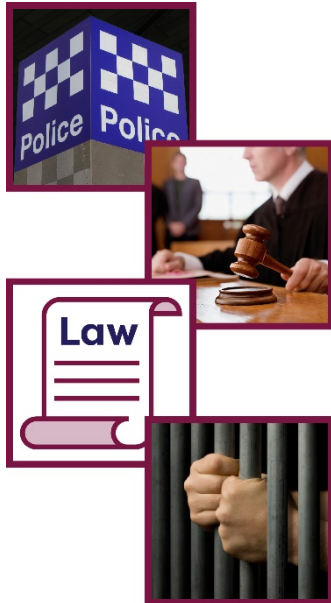
The SA Government will make it easier for people with disability to communicate with the police.



The SA Police website will have accessible information.

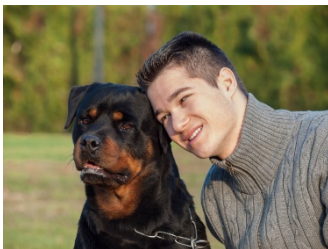


The SA Government will make sure children and young people with disability can find and use services if they're in the **justice system**.



The justice system includes:

- police
- the courts
- the law
- prisons.



The SA Government uses support animals to help people who take part in court cases.

They will keep doing this.



The SA Government will make new programs for learning about what the community thinks.



These programs will include people with disability.



The SA Government will make information about rights accessible for women with disability.



The SA Government will make new rules about using restrictive practices less.



The SA Government will make sure schools:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.



The SA Government will help people with disability connect with organisations that will keep them safe.



The SA Government will support young people with disability to take part in making decisions that affect them.



The SA Government will support people with disability when they leave prison.

Tasmanian Government



The Tasmanian Government will have a new Disability Commissioner.

The Disability Commissioner will:



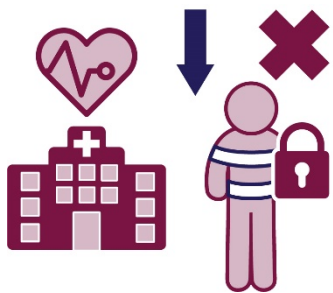
- help keep people with disability safe



- make sure people with disability are being treated fairly.



The Tasmanian Government will make sure their laws about disability support the NDIS.



The Tasmanian Government will make a law for health services so they:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.

Australian Capital Territory Government



The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government will plan how people with disability can take part in the justice system like other people in the community.



The ACT Government will change laws so they support people with disability making decisions on their own.



The ACT Government will keep track of a new law to see if it keeps people with disability safe.

The ACT Government will help people with disability who are:



- being treated badly



- not being helped the way they are supposed to be helped

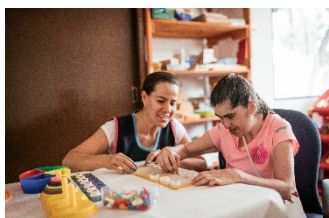


- being taken advantage of.



The ACT Government will make sure disability services know how to tell if a person with disability is:

- at risk
- not safe.



The ACT Government will make a service that will tell government how to better support people with disability.



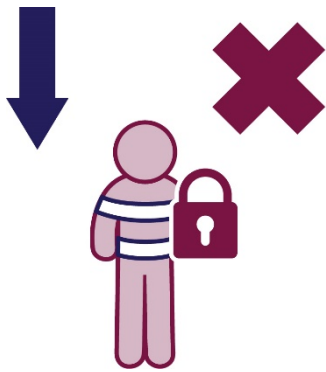
The ACT Government will support people with disability who take part in the justice system.



The ACT Government will plan how to make health services better for people with disability.



The ACT Government will support people with disability who experience violence from someone close to them.



The ACT Government will do more to:

- use restrictive practices less
- stop using restrictive practices.

Knowing how well our action plan is going

We will:



- check how well our action plan is going



- talk to the community about how well it's going.



We will make sure we talk to people with disability.



We will check if we are getting the outcomes we want.



We will use what we learn to write a report.



We will share our report with the community.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



Accessible

If something is accessible, everyone can use it.

This might be:

- a place or a building
- transport
- a service
- information
- a website.



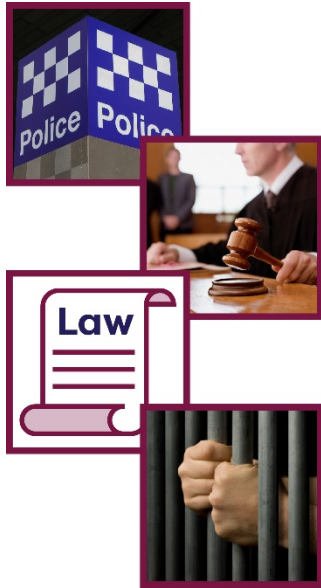
COVID-19

COVID-19 is a virus that has affected many people around the world.



Inclusive

If something is inclusive, everyone can take part.



Justice system

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- police
- the courts
- the law
- prisons.



National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

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Outcome areas

The Strategy has ideas about how to make life better for people with disability in 7 main areas.

We call these outcome areas.



Outcomes

Outcomes are the important results we want to get for people with disability.



Restrictive practices

Restrictive practices are actions that stop people from:

- moving
- doing what they want.



Rights

Rights are rules about how everybody should be treated:

- fairly
- equally.



Royal commission

A royal commission is how the government looks into a big problem.



Safeguards

Safeguards are things we can do to:

- keep someone safe
- make sure they still have choice and control.

Sexual assault



Sexual assault is when someone:

- makes you do sexual things you don't want to do
- does something sexual to you that you don't want them to do.



Social housing

Social housing provides homes that cost less to live in.



Violence

Violence is when someone hurts you.

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