



# Disability Abuse Prevention Strategy

Department of Health and Human Services



Easy English



## Hard words

This plan has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

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

## Why we need a plan

We are the Victorian Government.

We want to stop **abuse** in disability services.



Abuse is when someone hurts you.

Abuse is **not** okay.



We have a plan to keep people with a disability safe from abuse.

Our plan is called **Victoria's disability abuse prevention strategy**.

## About abuse



We want everyone to understand

- what abuse is
- different types of abuse
- where abuse can happen.



People who abuse others can be

- disability workers
- supervisors
- people with a disability
- family
- other people.

## Our plan to stop abuse



### Help for people with a disability and their family



- **Capacity building.**

We will support people with a disability to understand their rights.



- **Advocacy groups.**

Groups who support people with a disability to

- speak up about abuse
- speak up about their needs
- be treated the same as everyone else.



- We give money to advocacy groups to help people with a disability

- keep safe

- understand what abuse is



- tell people if abuse happens

- learn about relationships and sex.



- [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/disability-abuse-prevention](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/disability-abuse-prevention) is our website with

- information about abuse

- links to other useful websites

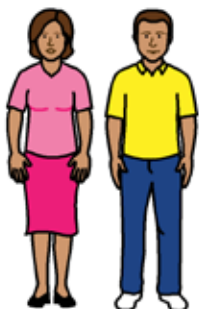
- lists of services that can help.

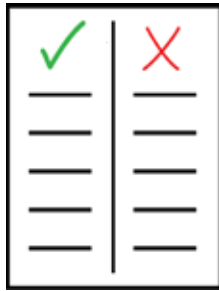
## Help for service providers



**Disability service providers** support people with a disability.

- We will support disability service providers to
  - understand abuse
  - keep everyone safe
  - work with people with a disability
  - support the different needs of men and women.





- The government makes rules about the way disability workers must act.



- We will tell disability workers
  - abuse is **not** okay
  - what they can do to help stop abuse.



- The Victorian government wants all governments in Australia to
  - agree that abuse is **never** okay
  - make rules about abuse for all disability workers.



## Help for the disability sector



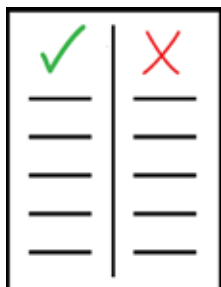
The **disability sector** is all the groups that help support people with a disability.



- Workforce **screening**.

Screening means to check

- **no** disability workers are dangerous
- all disability workers know how to do a good job.



- **Provider regulation**.

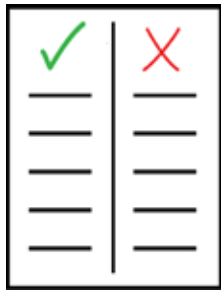
This means to make sure service providers

- follow the rules
- do a good job.



- We will make videos to support disability workers to
  - treat people with a disability with respect.
  - tell people with a disability their rights.





- To keep everyone safe there will be
  - rules on who can be a service provider
  - rules on who can be a disability worker
  - a list of disability workers.



- We will give money to groups that help women with a disability feel safe.



- We made a law that abuse is **not** okay.



- We will make sure
  - everyone follows the rules
  - everyone works together
  - the plan makes things better.



- We will let everyone know that they can learn more about how to stop abuse.

## What we want our plan to do

We want



- to support people with a disability to be leaders



- for you to understand
  - what abuse is
  - when abuse can happen



- how to get help when abuse happens

- what rights people have



- for you to have someone to help you speak up if you need it.

We want

- more advocates to help people
  - who live far away from support
  - who have trouble getting help



- to provide training that supports different
  - cultures
  - religions.

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