

Your Rights

Every child has rights. Rights are things you should always have, like being safe, going to school, and being treated fairly. These rights belong to all children – including children with disabilities.

What does the Disability Convention do?

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is an agreement made by countries all around the world. It makes sure that children and adults with disabilities are treated fairly and have the same chances as everyone else. Governments promise to follow the rules and protect these rights.

Your Rights

If you have a disability, you have the same human rights as other kids. Some of your important rights are:

- To be treated with dignity and fairness – no bullying or unfair treatment.
- To go to school – and get the help you need to learn.
- To play, join activities, and have fun – in sports, arts, games, and community life.
- To be safe and protected – at home, at school, and during emergencies.
- To make choices – about your life and to share your own ideas and opinions.
- To good health and care – when you need it, without discrimination.
- To family and friends – to live with your family and be included in your community.
- To move around and communicate – in ways that work for you.
- **To be respected for who you are – your abilities, ideas, and dreams.**

What is a disability?

A disability is when someone finds it harder to see, hear, learn, walk, talk, or do some activities. Some disabilities can be seen, but most are invisible. With the right supports, children with disabilities can join in school, play, and life just like everyone else.

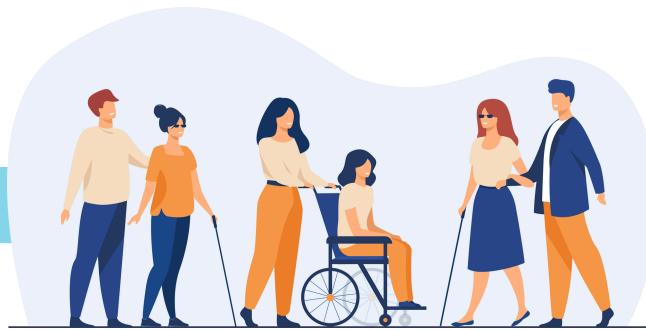




Education Rights

All students have the right to go to school, learn, and join in just like others

- Having a disability should never mean fewer opportunities.
- Schools must make reasonable adjustments to support learning, like:
 - Extra time in tests
 - Learning materials in larger print or simple language
 - Using technology like speech-to-text software
 - Different ways to show what you've learned, like a video instead of a speech



Laws That Protect You

Your rights are not just promises – they are protected by real laws and agreements.

- Internationally:
 - The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) protects rights to education, play, inclusion, and respect.
- In Australia:
 - The Disability Discrimination Act makes it unlawful to treat people unfairly because of disability.
 - The Disability Standards for Education make sure students with disability can learn and join school life just like others.
 - The Disability Services and Inclusion Act (2023) strengthens inclusion and access to supports.
- In NSW: The Disability Inclusion Act (2014) says children with disability must be included in the community, and schools must support them.



Why this matters

When everyone respects each other's rights, the world becomes a fairer and kinder place. Children with disabilities, and all children, can grow, learn, and reach their goals.