Children and Young People with Disability Australia





Reasonable adjustments

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About this book



This book is from Children and Young People with Disability Australia or CYDA.

This book has some hard words. Hard words are in **bold**. We tell you what they mean.

This book is about **reasonable adjustments**.



Reasonable adjustments are when an organisation makes changes to help people with disability.

Reasonable adjustments can be

• captions



• ramps



• moving furniture around.

Reasonable adjustments also means making places and information **accessible**.



Accessible places are easy for everyone to

• get into



• use.



Accessible information means everyone

• can understand the information



 can get the information in different ways.

Talk about what you might need to do



You must talk to your staff about **access needs**.

Access needs are things that

- help someone do their job
- someone needs because of their disability.

You must show your staff **respect**.

Respect means you

• listen to your staff



- are kind to your staff
- do not hurt your staff.



The law says you cannot treat staff differently because they have disability.





How to ask about access needs

Questions you can ask include

- What are your access needs?
- How do you like to communicate?



• How can we help you feel included when you work in person?



• How can we help you feel included when you work online?



The **Employee Assistance Fund** helps organisations understand how to be more accessible.



Your organisation does not have to pay the Employee Assistance Fund to help you understand how to be more accessible.

Other ways to make work accessible

You should have

• accessible parking spaces





- lots of breaks
- rooms that are not too bright
 - quiet areas.



You can also

- ask staff what they think
- listen to what staff tell you.

More information

For more information you can contact Job Access.



Call 1800 464 800

Website <u>www.jobaccess.gov.au</u>

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