

Safeguarding Participants





About this book

This book is written by Identitywa.

When you see the word

- we
- our
- us

in this book it means Identitywa.



This book is written so it is easy to read.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

The first time we use hard words we write them in blue. Then we explain what the word in blue means.



You can get someone to help you:

- read this book
- know what this book is about.



You can ask for more information.



This Easy Read Guidance explains what our Safeguarding Participants Guidance is about.

You can find the Safeguarding Participants Guidance on our website – [Click here](#)



This Easy Read information is about **Safeguarding**.

Everybody has a right to feel safe and respected.

Safeguarding is a way of keeping people safe when they use services.

It protects people from being

- abused
- neglected
- taken advantage of
- discriminated.



Abuse means someone harms you.

For example:



- Talks to you in a bad way
(shouts, says mean things,
swears, ignores you).



- Is violent – hurts your body.



- Takes your money.



- Touches you in a way you
don't want to be touched.



Neglect means you do not get the care and support to keep you safe and healthy.

For example:



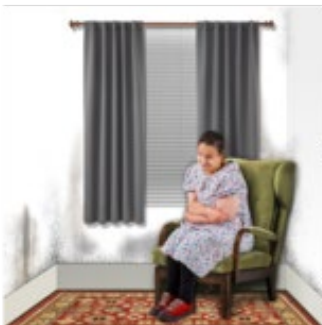
- Not enough healthy food and drink.



- Medicine you may need.



- Not the right clothing – too hot or too cold.



- Not clean.

Taking advantage of -

When someone is using you for their personal gain. Signs may be:



- The person asks you for money, favours, or other items.

- The person uses your belongings without your permission.



- The person asks you to do something which is against the law.



- You are being charged for services you have not received.

Discrimination



Discrimination is when someone treats you badly because you are different.

It could be discriminated because of your:



- Age



- disability



- gender or sexuality



- **Ethnicity** – Ethnicity is a large group of people who may have the same national, race or cultural origins.



- Religion



- Political orientation



Some safeguards we have for you at Identitywa



- We make sure you are treated fairly.



- Our workers are trained to keep you safe and help you if something is wrong.



- We have rules that all workers must use when they support you.



- Telling us is ok.



- We listen to you and support you in making your own decisions.



- If something happens, we act and try to make it right for you and make sure it does not happen again.



- We make sure if something is wrong and we know about it, we report it and help to make it right for you.



- We follow the law and may tell police and others when we must inform by law.



Who do you talk to if you are worried about someone abusing you or someone else?



Call us on (08) 9474 3303 and ask to speak to the Safeguarding person.



Send an email to the Safeguarding Representative

Quality.Feedback@identity.com.au



- More information from others for you (click on the underlined links below)

[Developmental Disability WA \(DDWA\): Easy to understand staying safe](#)

[NDIS Commission – Easy read documents](#)

[People with disabilities Western Australia \(PWdWA\) – How can we help easy read](#)

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