



How to make a report

This fact sheet tells you how to make a report if you are concerned that a person with disability is at risk of harm.

About us

The Tasmanian Disability Commissioner is an independent authority established on 1 July 2025 under the *Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding Act 2024* (the Act).

Catherine Whittington is the first Disability Commissioner for Tasmania. The Disability Commissioner uses the Act to make her own decisions without direction from the government.

Disability Commissioner Tasmania refers to the office and staff supporting the Disability Commissioner to deliver the functions under the Act.

We work to protect and promote the rights of people with disability in Tasmania/Lutruwita. We are focused on preventing harm, promoting inclusion, and ensuring people with disability are treated with dignity and respect.

Making a report to us

You can make a report to us if you are concerned that a person with disability may be at risk of harm.

This includes:

- violence
- abuse
- neglect
- coercion
- exploitation.

The report could be about you, someone you know, or something you have witnessed. You can choose to remain anonymous.

A report can help get a problem fixed. People who make reports to us are protected under the *Disability Rights, Inclusion and Safeguarding Act 2024*.

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We will listen to you and take your report seriously.

Who can help you make a report?

A family member or trusted person, such as a friend, support person or advocate, can help you make a report.

The National Relay Service can help you communicate with us.

- Speak and Listen (Voice-to-Voice): 1300 555 727
- TTY/Voice Calls: 13 36 77
- TTY (Type and Read): 1800 555 677
- SMS relay number: 0423 677 767
- Internet relay calls: <https://nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay>

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You can make a report in a way that works best for you.

- Phone: 1800 179 249 (free call) or 03 6270 5500
- Email: contact@disabilitycommissioner.tas.gov.au
- Online form: www.disabilitycommissioner.tas.gov.au/report
- In-person: Level 5, 188 Collins Street, Hobart, or a place that feels safe for you. Contact us to book a time to meet.
- Mail: Disability Commissioner Tasmania, GPO Box 123, Hobart 7001.

What happens after we receive your report

When we receive a report, we carefully consider and assess the information.

We might collect more information to help us understand the problem.

We will contact you if we need more information and tell you what is happening with your report.

Your privacy

We follow the law to keep your information private and handle it responsibly.

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More information

You can find more information about how to make a report on our website:

www.disabilitycommissioner.tas.gov.au.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero 000.

Information in Auslan and audio

Scan the QR code to find information in Auslan and audio.



Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay our respects to all Aboriginal people in Tasmania, their identity and culture.

We acknowledge the lived and living experience of people with disability, family members, carers, and supporters.

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