

# IASC

Inter-Agency  
Standing Committee

**Making sure people with disabilities  
get their rights when war and  
other problems happen in the world.**

**Some new rules to help people know what to do.**



**IASC Guidelines for Inclusion of Persons  
with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action**

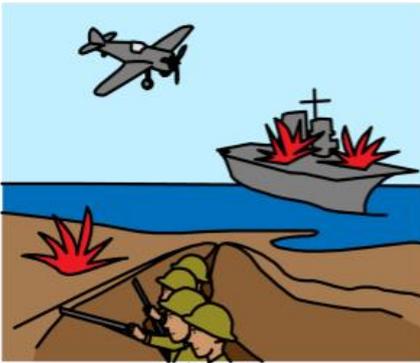


# About this document



This document is about the rights of people with disabilities when big problems happen in the world.

For example:



- War

- Floods



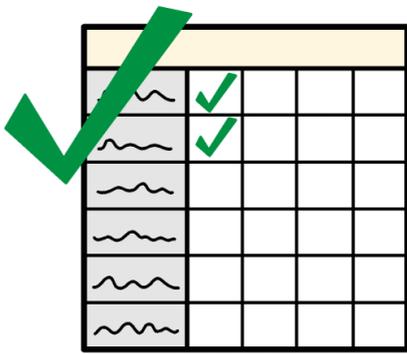
- Earthquakes

- Not enough food or water for people

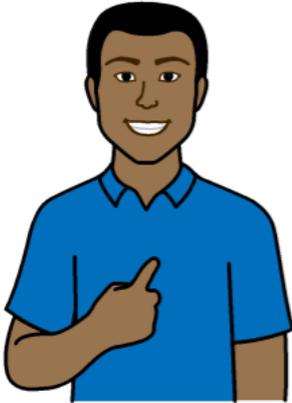


When big problems happen **everyone** should get support to be safe, cope well and get better.

People with disabilities should not be left out.



There are some rules in this document for people to think about and follow.



The rules will help people with disabilities get their rights when war and other big problems happen.



Everyone can use these rules.  
For example:

- People with disabilities and organizations of people with disabilities
- Governments
- Organizations that give people support
- Everyone else



People with disabilities and other people had a say in the rules first.

# What the rules say



People with disabilities can be in more danger when war and other big problems happen.

For example, they may not get the right information to keep safe. And people may be violent to them.

## There are some things that the rules say must happen:



1

**People with disabilities should have a big say in what happens.**

They should never be left out.

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**Everything should be easy for people with disabilities to use and understand.**

For example, information about the problem and how to keep safe.

And camps where people live if they have to leave home.



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## Training

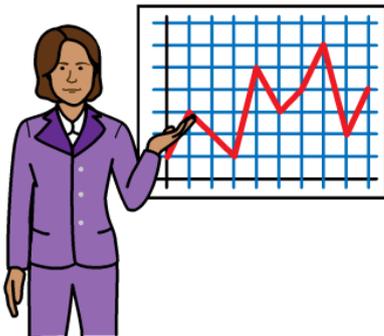


Organizations of people with disabilities should give other people training about how to work with people with disabilities.

Organizations of people with disabilities should have training about how they can take part and have a say.

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## Good information about people with disabilities



There should be good information about people with disabilities and what they need.

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## Everyone working together

People with disabilities, governments and other people should work together.

They should start working together before wars or big problems happen.

This will help everyone know what people with disabilities need and make good plans.



# Solving problems that people with disabilities face

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**People often think wrong or bad things about people with disabilities.**



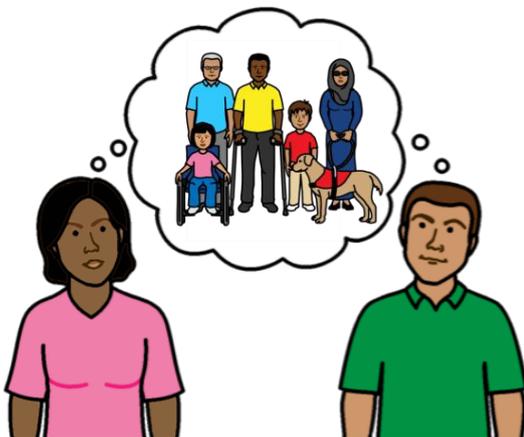
**Things that organizations can do:**

- Meet with people with disabilities to understand how people treat them and the problems this causes.



- Make sure staff have the right training about disability.

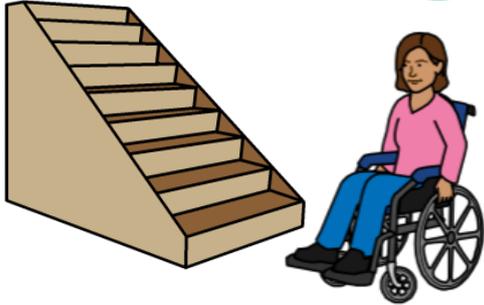
- Find out which people with disabilities are left out most or treated unfairly.



**Work with people with disabilities to find ways to solve this.**

2

**It can be hard for people with disabilities to move around.**



**For example, transport can be hard to use and there may be problems with roads and buildings.**

**Things that organizations can do:**

Work with people with disabilities to:

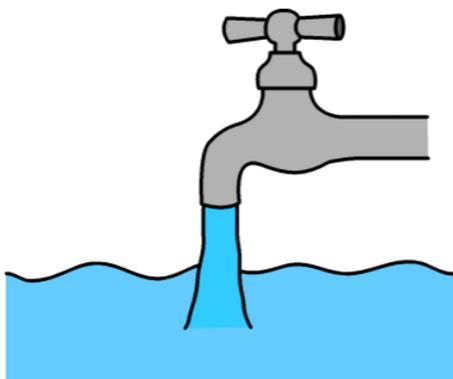


- Find out what the problems are
- Check how easy things are to use, like transport and roads



- Find out what places are easy for people with disabilities to get to.

For example, find out what places are good to have meetings in



- Make sure things are easy for people with disabilities to use.

For example, camps, toilets and food and water places

3

**Information is often hard to understand.**



**Things that organizations can do:**

- Work with people with disabilities to find out how they want their information.
- Use easy words and pictures.
- Give people information in different ways, like Braille and sign language.

4

**There is not enough money to support people with disabilities.**



**Things that organizations can do:**

- Make sure organisations of people with disabilities can get enough money to support other people with disabilities.
- Make sure there is enough money to pay for support for people with disabilities and help them have a say.

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## .Unfair laws and rules.



### Things that organizations can do:

- Work with people with disabilities to check that rules are fair for them and to make new rules.



- Follow an agreement about the rights of people with disabilities.

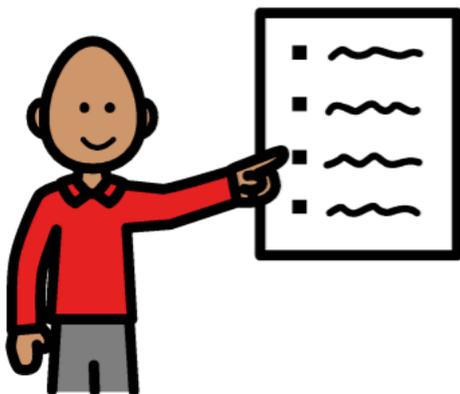
It is called the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**.

- Look at laws in the country to see if there are any problems.

For example, some laws stop people with disabilities making their own choices.



- Follow other rules about the rights of people with disabilities when wars or other problems happen.



# What people with disabilities can do



There are many things that organizations of people with disabilities can do.

They should work with governments and other people to do them.



1. Get and share good information.

For example, information about:

- Who has a disability
- What people with disabilities need
- What problems they face
- What works well

Do this before wars or big problems happen.



2. Help people with disabilities and their families know what to do when wars or other problems happen.

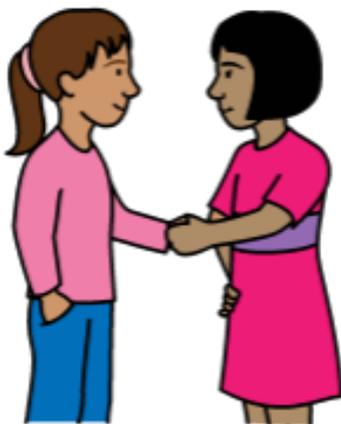
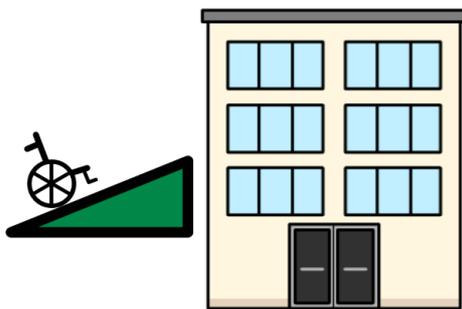


3. Help make plans about what to do when there are big problems in the country.

4. Help make sure that everything works well for people with disabilities.

For example:

- Laws and rules
- Information and support
- Plans about what happens after the problem is over. For example, plans about new buildings and roads
- Support to help people do well after the problem is over.



For example, support for people to find work and take part in the community



5. Make sure people with disabilities get support that is right for them.

People with disabilities may need extra support, like equipment to help them move around.



6. Give people training about people with disabilities and the problems they face.



7. Check that people with disabilities are treated fairly and get their rights.



8. Speak up about problems that people with disabilities have.

9. Make sure it is easy for people with disabilities to complain if they do not get their rights.



10. Make sure organizations check how projects and plans are working for people with disabilities.

# Questions



We would like to know what you think of the rules in this document.

Do you agree with them?

Does anything need to change?

Have we missed anything?

Is there anything you think should be done for people with disabilities about:



- Camps where people go if they have to leave home

- Other places to live



- Education



- Making sure people have enough food and water and good places to wash



- Making sure people can earn money



- Health and mental health

- Keeping safe



- How people with disabilities and other people can work together