

Experiences of people with disabilities reporting crime project

The [Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission](#) is conducting research into the experiences of people with disabilities in Victoria when they report crime. The project aims to:

- identify the nature and extent of crimes against people with disabilities in Victoria
- understand what barriers people with disabilities face when reporting crime and gaining redress
- work with Victoria Police and other authorities to break down these barriers and provide better services to people with disabilities.

The project is focusing on crimes against the person. These include assault, family violence, sexual assault, indecent assault, and causing serious injury and covers crimes that occur at home, on the street, on transport, and in services such as disability services and hospitals. The research will **not** include property crimes such as theft and fraud or the experiences of people with disabilities who have committed crimes. The project is limited to those who have been victims of crime.

How you can participate

We are keen to hear from people with any type of disability, including mental health disabilities. Carers, family members, social workers, service providers and Police are also encouraged to participate. We recognise every person is different and many will not wish to tell their stories. For those that do, there are a number of ways to take part:

- complete our [confidential on-line surveys](#) for people with disability and for people who provide care and support. An Easy English survey is also available. You can call us on 1300 292 153 to do the survey on the phone. Or you can print out the survey and post it to the address below.
- Contact the Commission to arrange a **confidential interview** (contact details below). Please feel free to bring along a support person to that interview if you wish to.
- **Tell your story** to a disability, family or other support service and give your permission to pass on the case study to the Commission at the address below. You do not need to provide your name, address or any other identifying information.
- [Email your story to us](#) or post it to the address below

- If you are from an organisation, you can make a **submission** (contact details below)
- **take part in a focus group** by calling Wendy on the number or email below.

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A Reference Group including representatives from the Office of the Public Advocate, Disability Services Commissioner, Victoria Police, Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability, Victims Support Agency, Women with Disabilities Victoria, University of Ballarat and the Commission's Disability Reference Group will oversee the project.

All information is kept confidential. No individual will be identified in the research. The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission complies with Victorian privacy laws and the confidentiality provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. View our [privacy policy](#).

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