

Housing : Know Your Rights in a Community Residential Unit

A DVD about your Housing Rights

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Important Information about this Booklet/DVD

This Booklet and DVD has been sent to all the Community Residential Units in Victoria so all people who live in CRUs have the opportunity to watch and hear about their Housing Rights

It is really important that everyone living in a CRU is supported to watch or listen to this DVD

Support staff, families and friends are also encouraged to watch this DVD, so please talk about it with them.

RIGHTS, WHAT ARE THEY?

- Rights are something that we all have.
- Rights help to make sure we are all treated fairly and equally.
- So 'Housing' Rights' explain the way you should be treated in your house.

AMIDA's DVD will explain your Housing Rights. When you know about your rights you can speak up for yourself and talk to staff about your rights

How to use this DVD

Step 1. Find 15 minutes to watch the DVD

Step 2. Gather round the TV in a group or on your own

Step 3. Put on the DVD and watch! You can choose to watch it with sub titles if you want or need to. You can watch it again and again.

Step 4. Talk about the DVD with other people you live and work with.

Step 5. AMIDA can come and help you talk about jt. We have free training on the DVD. You or a support person can contact us and we will come to your house.

Phone AMIDA on 9650 2722

Housing Rights Training

AMIDA's special trainers can help you understand the Housing Rights that are Law here in Victoria. People need to know and understand their Housing Rights. They help you to be involved in the decisions and choices you make in your house. There are many questions you could ask about

Housing Rights. How do they affect you or any Person with a Disability who lives in a CRU? Remember questions are good they help you learn.

You and your friends will enjoy learning and sharing information together in the training sessions. It would be helpful if you have a chat about the DVD with your housemates. Together people think of new ideas and different questions. You may find it helpful as a group to ring AMIDA and organise a training session.

Call AMIDA on 9650 2722 for free training

ADVOCACY

Remember there are always Advocacy Organisations with people who can help you. Advocates have strict codes of confidentiality and are guided by you. This is a free service to you. Take a look at the BLUE SHEET in the back of the booklet - the blue sheet has important names and numbers of people who are able to help you. There are spare copies of the BLUE SHEET for everyone living in your house. Feel free to make extra copies. Never be afraid to phone an ADVOCACY ORGANISATION and ask for help.

The Blue Sheet

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC, 'ADVOCATE

9603-9500 or 1300 309 337

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These services can also help you.....

Disability Services Commissioner

Free Call 1800 477 342

TTY 1300 726`563

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9416-4003

Rural Free Call: 1800 655 570

Disability Justice Advocacy

Free Call 1800,808 126 or 9481 7022

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