

Duty of care and dignity of risk

About this document



We will make sure you are always able to make your own choices.

This document talks about making your own choices in a safe way.

It is written in Easy English.



Making your own choices can make you feel:

- special
- independent
- smart
- in control.



Carpentaria workers want to let you make decisions all the time. But sometimes they have to help you.

This is called a **duty of care**.

This document talks about:



- how you can make decisions



- why a worker might have to help you make a decision



- what may happen when you make decisions.

Dignity of risk

Dignity of risk means you are allowed to make decisions and choose what you do.



You are always allowed to make your own decisions.

Decisions you can make include:



- choosing to ride a bike



- choosing to wear a nice shirt



- choosing to eat something yummy.



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You are allowed to make mistakes.



You are allowed to have accidents.



We will always support you. Even if there is a mistake or accident when you make a decision.

What is duty of care?



A **duty of care** means your workers have to help keep you safe.

A worker might need to help you when you make a decision.

Like when a decision:



- could hurt you



- could hurt someone else



If your support worker thinks that your decisions could hurt you or could hurt someone else, they must try to help you.

A support worker may help you make a decision by:



- talking about what might happen



- changing something to make it safe



- helping you to do the activity.



Sometimes it may be too dangerous. The support worker might need to stop you from making the decision.



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This might make you feel:



- sad
- angry
- confused.



The support worker will always tell you why they stopped you from making a decision.



You can talk about why your decision was stopped.

You can also talk about ways to make a safe decision.

How to get help



You can complain if you think:

- your support worker was not fair to stop you making a decision
- your support worker knew you would get hurt and did not help you



We can help you if you decide to complain.