

# Easy read Guide to the Opening the Door Videos

Opening the Door



# Video 2 What is Adequate Housing?

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# About this document

## Opening the Door



These videos are about a project called Opening the Door.

You can find out more about the project in [Video 1](#).

3 organisations are working together on the project.

When we say 'we' in this document we mean the project team.



We have written this document to help when you watch our videos.

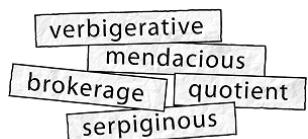


We have written this document in easy read.

It is easier to understand.

We use pictures to help you read.

Some hard words are in **bold** the first time we use them. They are darker.



We tell you what these words mean.

There is also a Word List at the back of this document.

# About the videos

There are 10 short videos.

## **Opening the Door**



The first video is about the project.



The other 9 videos are about housing in Australia for people with disability.

We have a **presenter** for each video. A presenter is the person who does most of the talking.

These presenters are:



Adrian Pisarski, National Shelter

Adrian is the Executive Officer of National Shelter.



David Havercroft, Rights & Inclusion Australia

David is the Opening the Door Project Director.



Karen Hedley, Rights & Inclusion Australia

Karen is the Opening the Door Project Officer.

## Using times in the videos

**07:30**

We have included times from the videos in this document.

You will know where you are up to here and in the video.

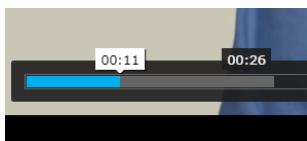
The times are numbers that are **bold** and **blue**.



You can find the times at the bottom when your **cursor** is over the time ribbon at the bottom.



Your cursor is what you use on your computer to point and click at things. Most people have a cursor that looks like an arrow or a hand.



The white time is where you have watched up to.

In this picture it is **00:11**. This is 11 seconds into the video.

The black time tells you where your cursor is pointing.

In this picture it is **00:26**.

If you clicked your mouse you would move ahead in the video to 00:26.

# Video 2 – What is adequate housing?

Click [here to skip reading the Introduction.](#)

## Introduction



00:00

[Video 2](#) is presented by David Havercroft from Rights & Inclusion Australia.

It is 4 minutes and 53 seconds long.

On the time at the bottom of the video it says **4:53**.



00:13

Our **project** is called Opening the Door.



A project is something you work on.

It has a start and an end.

3 organisations are working on the project.

They are:

- [Rights & Inclusion Australia](#)





- [Enliven Community](#)



- [National Shelter](#)

00:20

The project will help people with disability to **identify pathways to better housing.**



This means we will help you find housing of your choice.

We will do this by sharing information. We will also help you learn new skills.



00:26

We will help you find **real housing options** for people with disability.

Options are what you can choose from.



Real options mean options that:

- They are your choice
- You have the same options as people without disability
- And they meet your disability needs.

# What is Adequate Housing?

00:32

You have the **right to adequate housing.**



Everybody has rights. Rights tell us what we need to have a good, safe life.

They include things like:

- adequate housing
- living where we choose
- choosing who we live with and more.

00:39

Adequate housing means housing that is good enough.



It is more than just a house to live in.

You must have safety, dignity & a decent home.

00:48

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00:56

UN Habitat says adequate housing must:



- Be a safe place to stay
- You cannot be **evicted** without good reason

**UN HABITAT**  
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UN Habitat is an organisation that works to improve towns and cities.

Evicted means you are asked to move out.

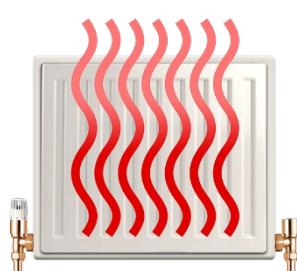
Some people called it being kicked out.

01:01

- Have the things to keep you safe and healthy including:



- Drinking water
- Toilet and bathroom
- Kitchen



- Heating
- Lighting
- A place to store food
- A way to get rid of rubbish

01:10



- Must be **affordable**

Affordable means it does not cost too much.

Find out more about affordable housing in our other videos.

01:15



- Physically safe, protect from weather & hazards

01:23



- Meet disability needs. This might include:
  - Accessibility, like ramps and wide doorways
  - Space for support workers
  - A bathroom for each person living there.



Accessible means that everyone can use it.

There are no **barriers**.

Barriers are things that stop you doing something.

**01:29**



- With easy access to community and services including:
  - Work
  - Public transport
  - Health services

**01:38**



- Respect your **culture** and **diversity**

Culture is the way you live.

This can include the language you speak and food you eat.



Diversity is how we are all different.

**01:45**



Your rights are **recognised** through laws and other guidelines.

Recognised means they are agreed to be real.

They shouldn't be taken away from you.

**01:53**



In Australia your rights are **protected** through:

- [The National Disability Strategy](#)
- Laws about accessible housing

Protected means that there are laws and other barriers that stop people taking your rights away.

**02:02**



The **United Nations** have written **conventions** about your rights.



The United Nations is an organisation. It is also called the UN.

They work across the world to protect everyone's rights.

A convention is a document that explains your rights. Countries agree by law to follow each convention.

**02:16**



**Australian Government**

When Australia signs a convention we must:

- Protect those rights
- Respect the rights
- Make sure each right happens

**02:22**



We all have the same rights.

This does not mean everyone has their rights:

- Protected
- Respected



**02:32**

We all have the right to **accessible** housing.

But not everyone who needs accessible housing will find it.

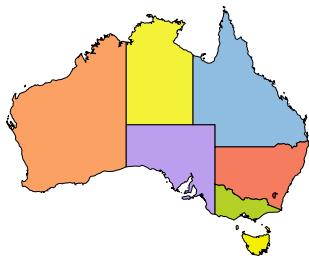


An accessible house might have:

- Ramps
- A private backyard
- A walk-in shower.

**02:44**

If Australia signs a convention:



- It must be written in law to be protected
- State and Territory governments should follow them

**03:12**

Australia has signed many UN conventions.



**03:19**

[See a bigger slide](#) at the end of this document.

In our project we mostly look at:

- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This is also called the **CRPD**.

[Easy read CRPD is here](#).



- The Convention on the **Elimination** of all Forms of **Discrimination** against Women.

This is also called CEDAW.

[Easy read CEDAW is here](#).



Elimination means to stop something completely.

Discrimination is when you are treated differently because of something about you.



CEDAW is about discrimination because of being a woman or girl.



- The Convention on the Rights of the Child  
This is also called the CRC.  
[A child friendly CRC is here.](#)



- The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.  
This is also called the UNDRIP.

Indigenous means the first people to live somewhere.



This document tells us about the rights of **First Nations** people.

In Australia, First Nations people are also called Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



**03:50**

The CRPD talks about housing.

**Article 9 of the CRPD talks about accessibility.**

This includes housing.



Each subject in a convention is called an Article.

It will explain the rights and rules for that subject.



You have the right to have a house that is accessible for you.

**04:10**

Article 28 talks about **living standard** and **social protection**.



Living standard is how well you live.

The article says you must have an adequate standard of living including housing.



The Australian government must help people who can not afford to be safe and well.

This is called social protection.



This includes social housing.

Public housing provided by the government is one type of social housing.

**04:27**



Australian laws could make sure people build accessible houses.

**04:36**

## References

**References** tell you where we found our information.

[United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD\)](#)

[United Nations Resources and Publications on the Right to Adequate Housing](#)

[Universal Human Rights Instruments](#)

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[Human Rights Explained - Fact sheet 7: Australia and Human Rights Treaties](#)

# Word List

## Accessible

Accessible means that everyone can use it. There are no **barriers**.

## Adequate housing

Adequate housing means housing that is good enough.

It is more than just a house to live in.

You must have safety, dignity & a decent home.

## Affordable

Affordable means it does not cost too much.

## Article

Each subject in a **convention** is called an Article.

It will explain the **rights** and rules for that subject.

## Barriers

Barriers are things that stop you doing something

## Bold

Words that are darker than normal.

## Conventions

A convention is a document that explains your rights. Countries agree by the law to follow each convention.

## CRPD

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is also called the CRPD.

[Easy read CRPD is here.](#)

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## **Culture**

Culture is the way you live.

This can include the language you speak and food you eat.

## **Cursor**

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## **Discrimination**

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## **Diversity**

Diversity is how we are all different.

## **Identify pathways to better housing**

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We will do this by sharing information. We will also help you learn new skills.

## **Indigenous**

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## **Living standard**

Living standard is how well you live.

Article 28 of the CRPD says you must have an adequate standard of living including housing.

## **Presenter**

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## **Project**

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### **Protected**

Protected means that there are laws and other barriers that stop people taking your rights away.

### **Real housing options**

Real options mean options that:

- They are your choice
- You have the same options as people without disability
- And they meet your disability needs.

### **Recognised**

Recognised means your rights are agreed to be real.

They shouldn't be taken away from you.

### **References**

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### **Right and Rights**

Everybody has rights. Rights tell us what we need to have a good, safe life.

They include things like:

- adequate housing
- living where we choose
- choosing who we live with and more

### **Social Protection**

The Australian government must help people who can not afford to be safe and well.

This is called social protection.

### **United Nations or UN**

The United Nations is an organisation. It is also called the UN.

They work across the world to protect everyone's rights.

### **UN Habitat**

UN Habitat is an organisation that works to improve towns and cities.

# Slides from Video

## What should adequate housing include?



Source: The Housing Rights Index: A Policy Formulation Support Tool  
United Nations Human Settlements Programme 2018

Source: [The Housing Rights Index: A Policy Formulation Support Tool, United Nations Human Settlements Programme 2018](#)

Two hands are at the bottom of the image, wrists together.

They are held palms up and fingers curved at the sides.

Between the hands are coloured balls. They are labelled:

- Security of tenure
- Availability of services
- Affordability
- Habitability
- Accessibility
- Location
- Cultural Adequacy

# UN Conventions relevant to disability housing



A blue house at the bottom. There is a thick blue line up to a circle saying Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) (Article 25).

There are thinner lines to different coloured circles saying, from left to right:

- Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (Article 21)
- International Convention on the Protection of The Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members (ICRMW) (Article 43)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (Articles 9 and 28)
- The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. (CEDAW) (Article 14).

- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) (Article 11).
- The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) (Article 27).

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- [Enliven Community](#)



- [National Shelter](#)

