

A plan to make things better for people with disability in disasters

Our recommendations



About this information



PWDA has a plan to make things better for people with disability in **disasters**.



Disasters are when big things happen that can hurt lots of people like fires or floods.



We have **recommendations** for how people with disability can be part of planning for disasters.



Recommendations say what we think should happen.



This information says what our recommendations are.

Recommendation 1



Recommendation 1 is about the **federal government** working with people with disability.

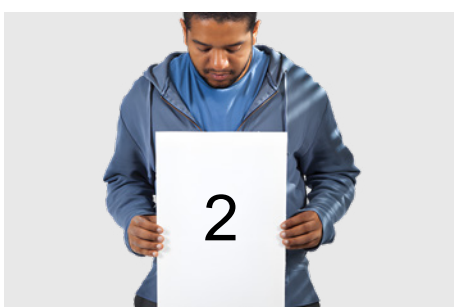


The **federal government** makes decisions for all of Australia.



The federal government should work with people with disability when they plan for disasters.

Recommendation 2



Recommendation 2 is about disaster plans for State and Territories in Australia.



Each State and Territory needs to look into their government services to find out

- How people with disability are part of planning for disasters
- What people with disability will need if a disaster happens.



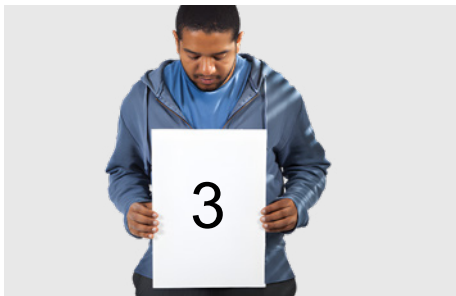
States and Territories should work with people with disability and **Disability Representative Organisations**.



Disability Representative Organisations are services that speak up for disability rights.

We will say **DROs** for short.

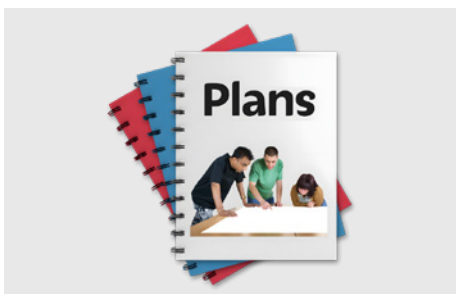
Recommendation 3



Recommendation 3 is about **co design** and disaster plans.

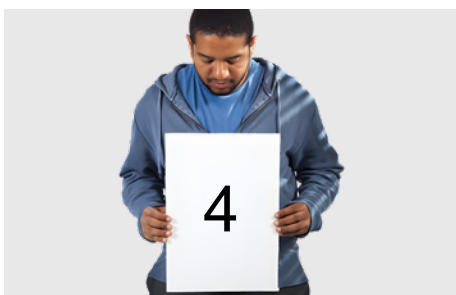


Co design means people with disability and people without disability work together.



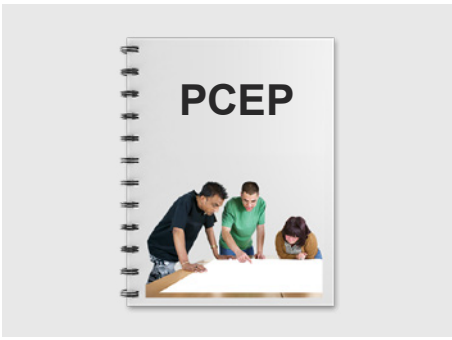
People with disability should co design emergency plans with governments.

Recommendation 4



Recommendation 4 is about the **Person Centred Emergency Preparedness Plan**.

We will say **PCEP** for short.



The **PCEP** is a plan people can make to get ready for disasters.

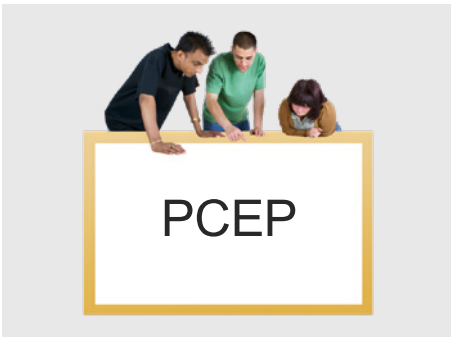


But this plan does not work well for lots of people with disability.



It is hard for some people with disability to do things in the plan because of things like

- There is not always transport to get to a safe place
- There is not enough information for what to do if there is no internet.



People with disability should co design PCEP so they can be used better.

Recommendation 5



Recommendation 5 is about the supports people with disability get in disasters.

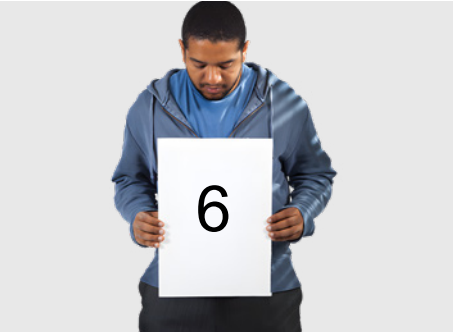


All governments need to make sure these supports are **accessible**.



Accessible means people with disability can use the supports.

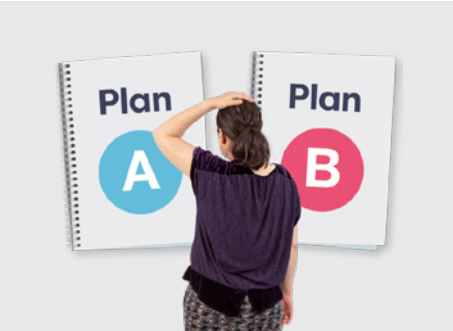
Recommendation 6



Recommendation 6 says there should be a law for government services to make information accessible.

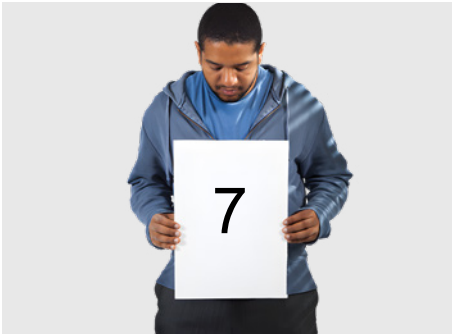


Right now there is not enough accessible information about disasters.



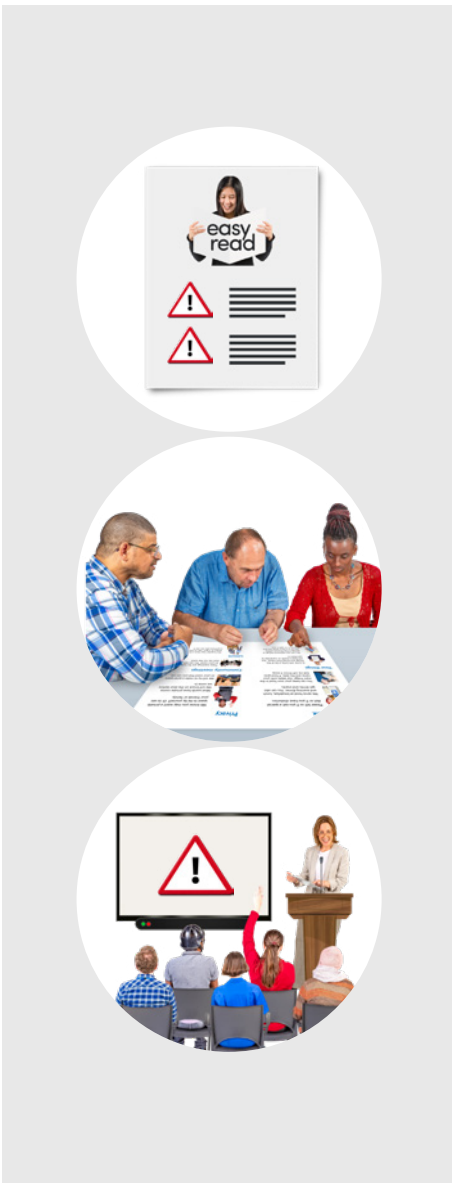
People with disability need accessible information so they can decide what to do in a disaster.

Recommendation 7



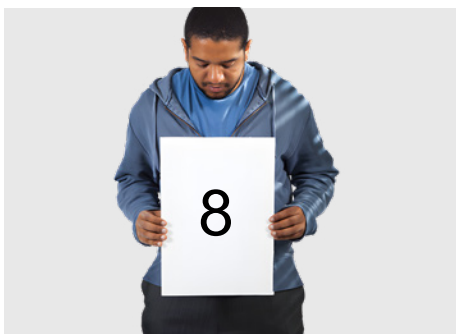
Recommendation 7 is about what DROs should get from the government.

DROs should get



- Information about disasters that is clear and accessible
- Support to make their own information about disasters
- Money to do things like teach staff to get ready for disasters.

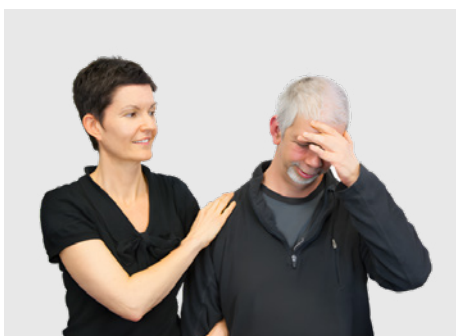
Recommendation 8



Recommendation 8 is about how DROs should be able to spend their money.

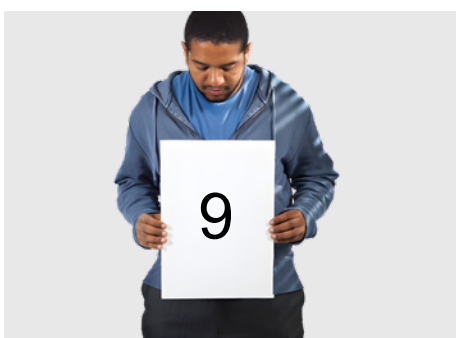


Many DROs get money from the government to do their work.



DROs should be able to use this money to support people when disasters happen.

Recommendation 9



Recommendation 9 is about making disaster information accessible.



There are different types of information used for disasters like

- Pictures
- **Auslan** signs.



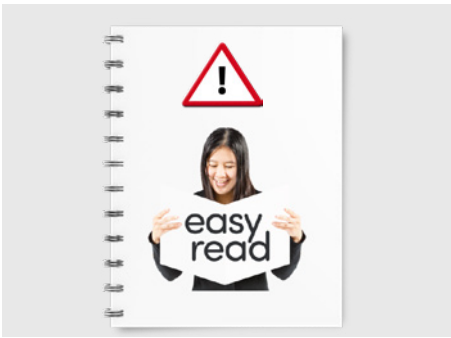
Auslan is a language for people who have trouble hearing.



Some of this disaster information is different between States and Territories.



Some of the information is not easy for people to read.

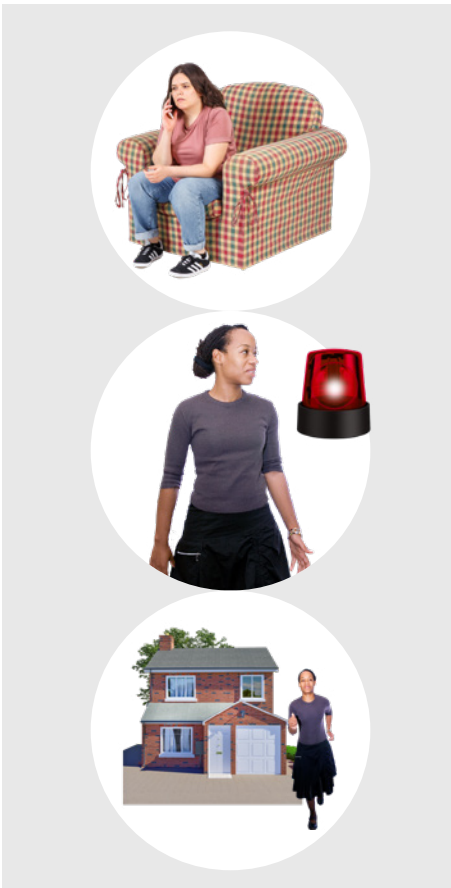


The government should make all disaster information accessible.

Recommendation 10



Recommendation 10 is about how the government gives people with disability information about disasters.



It is hard for people with disability to get information about

- If a disaster is happening
- What to do if a disaster happens
- If they need to **evacuate**.



Evacuate means you need to leave the place you are in right now.



The government needs to check how it gives disaster information to people with disability.



This will make sure people with disability can get ready and stay safe in a disaster.

Recommendation 11



Recommendation 11 is about a plan to tell people with disability early about a disaster.



There is no government plan to give people with disability a **warning** about a disaster.



A **warning** means you get a message that tells you there is a disaster.

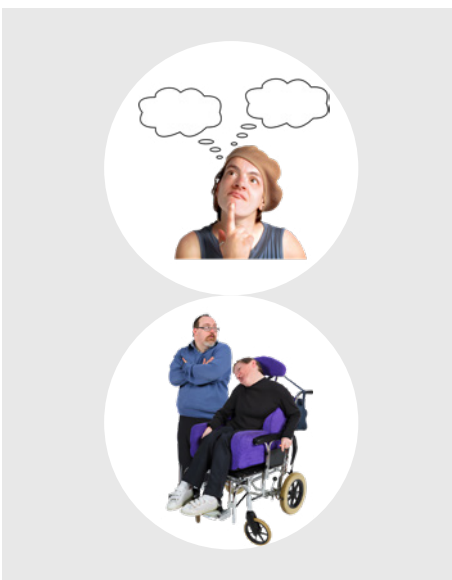


There needs to be a plan to tell people with disability early about a disaster.

Recommendation 12



Recommendation 12 is about training that government and disaster services can do to learn about PCEPs.



This training

- Is only an option for workers
- Does not talk about what is hard for people with disability in disasters.



The training should teach workers to support people with disability in a disaster.



The government needs to give money to make this happen.

Recommendation 13



Recommendation 13 is about having accessible **shelters** in a disaster.



Shelter means a safe place that is away from the disaster.



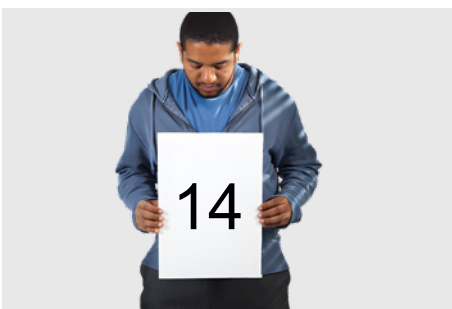
Communities should work with people with disability to make

- The shelters more accessible
- Information about the shelters accessible.



The government needs to give money to shelters for this to happen.

Recommendation 14



Recommendation 14 is about a plan called the **Health National Adaptation Plan**.

We will say **plan** for short.



The government is making this plan to keep people healthy from **climate change**.



Climate change means the earth gets hotter and changes.

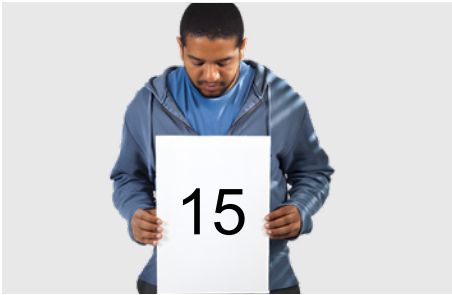


The government should talk to health care workers when it makes this plan.



Health care workers will know what things people with disability need in disasters.

Recommendation 15



Recommendation 15 is about accessible **public transport** in emergencies.



Public transport means things you catch to go places like buses or trains.



People with disability need accessible public transport if there is a disaster.

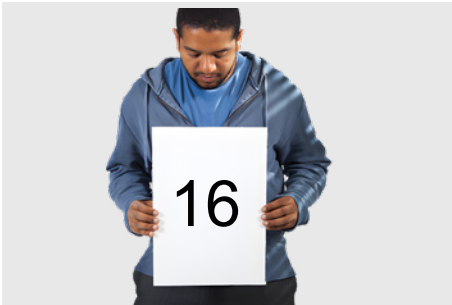


The government needs to make sure there is accessible public transport in all areas.



This is so people can get away from the disaster.

Recommendation 16

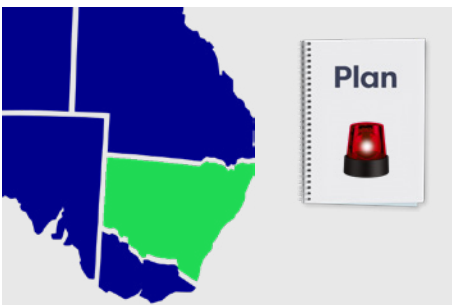


Recommendation 16 is for government groups who make plans for disasters.



The **National Emergency Management Agency** makes emergency plans for all of Australia.

NEMA for short.



State Emergency Management Committees make disaster plans for each State and Territory.

SEMCs for short.



Regional Emergency Management Committees make disaster plans for areas far away from big cities.

REMC for short.



People with disability and DROs need to be a part of the plans for all of these groups.

Recommendation 17

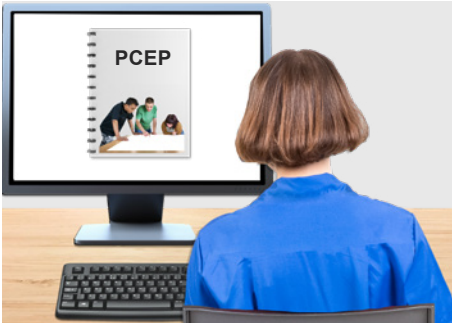


Recommendation 17 says people in these government groups should do training to learn about disability.

Recommendation 18



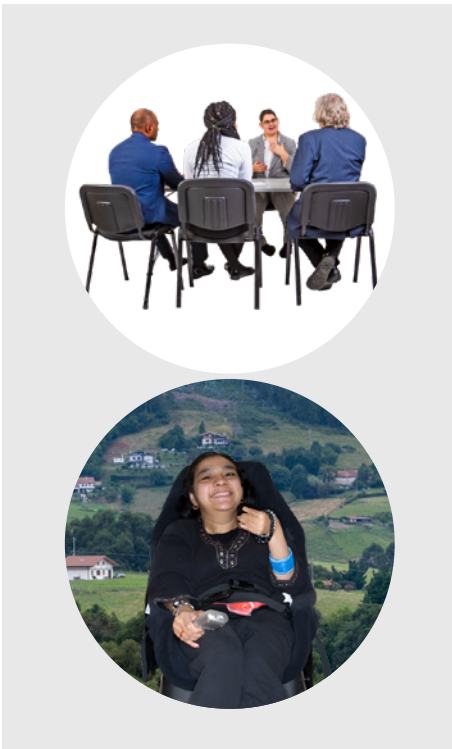
Recommendation 18 is about REMC groups in places far away from big cities.



People in these groups should do the training about PCEPs.



This will help them to speak up and support people with disability in disasters.



REMC groups from different areas can also make a big group to

- Talk about what people with disability need in disasters
- Make sure people with disability get what they need in each area.

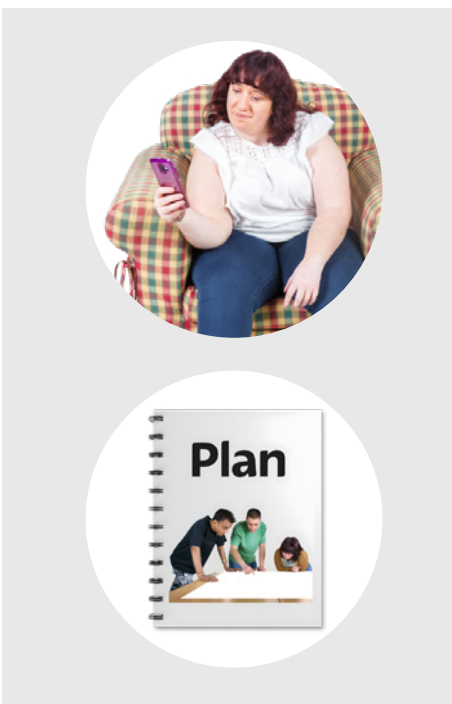
Recommendation 19



Recommendation 19 says that SEMCs should make a program to get ready for disasters.



The program should be for people with disability.



This will support people with disability to

- Get information about disasters that might happen in their area
- Make a plan for disasters for where they live.

Recommendation 20



Recommendation 20 is about the NEMA and SEMC groups.



They should work with people with disability to

- Find out what disaster information there is already
- Make plans for how the disaster information can be accessible.

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