



Update from the Commissioner

I would like to start by thanking everyone that was able to join us at our recent webinars, *In Conversation with the Commissioner* on 16th March and *Making a Complaint: Who, what, when and how?* on 24th March.

We thank, friend of the Commission, Chris Van Ingen, and some of our highly experienced and personable complaints team for being involved. If you couldn't join us on the day, you can watch our [complaints webinar on our website](#).

We also invite you to join our webinar, *Raising a concern about a disability worker: Who, What, When and How?* on Wednesday 18 May from 10-11am, as part of Victorian Law Week 2022. You can register via our [event page](#) or find out more in events section below.

We also remind you that we offer free, accessible, and tailored education sessions for your organisation, community group, advocacy group or network. So, if you're interested, please get in touch with our education team at education@vdbc.vic.gov.au.

You might have also had the chance to see or hear our new campaign featuring Victorians with disability talking about our complaints process. If you haven't yet had a chance to see our [30 second video](#), we encourage you to do so, and to share it with your friends, colleagues, and networks. You can also read our [media release via our news page](#).

A recent case that you may have seen covered in the media, regarding the conviction of a disability worker for sexual assault, highlights the importance of the Commission's role in making the disability sector safer. The individual has been subject to a Prohibition Order from the Commissioner while we investigated his conduct.

You can see a list of Prohibition Orders made by the Commissioner or subscribe to receive notifications about updates to Prohibition Orders via our [Prohibition Orders page](#) on our website.

We know most disability workers are highly committed and provide an excellent level of support to people with disability. However, we know there are times when people will have concerns and even when people with disability can be harmed. It is important that those who don't do the right thing are held accountable and we continue to protect people with disability and raise standards across the sector.

If you have any concerns about a disability worker, our team is here to listen, help and guide you. We understand it can be difficult to take the step of contacting us, but do encourage you to call us on 1800 497 132. You can also make a complaint via our [online form](#).

As always, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and our new Instagram account [@vicdwcommission](#).

Please let friends and colleagues know that they can subscribe to receive updates at www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/subscribe.

Our events

Raising a concern about a disability worker: Who, What, When and How? webinar

We invite you to join our webinar, *Raising a concern about a disability worker: Who, What, When and How?* on Wednesday 18 May from 10-11am, as part of Victorian Law Week 2022.

The webinar will provide information about how to make a complaint, who you might speak with and what could be involved. You can learn more about the team and participate in our Q&A session.

The webinar is suitable for people with disability, families and carers, as well as disability advocates and anyone that might be interested in learning more about the complaints process.

[Register your interest](#) today.

Resources

See our new look resources hub and new resources

We have launched a new look [resources hub](#), making it easier than ever to find the resources you need about the Victorian Disability Worker Commission.

We've also recently added a number of new resources to our hub, including [Auslan](#) and [resources in a number of languages](#), including Arabic, Sinhalese and Punjabi.

Have you had a chance to search through our list of registered disability workers?

It's now easier than ever to find a registered worker. You can search the registered disability workers list by location, gender, or languages spoken. Simply go to our ['Find a registered disability worker' page](#).

News and updates

Human rights and equality course

The Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission are providing free online courses in May, June and September to people with disability, employers and disability advocates.

These human rights and equality courses offer individuals or small teams an opportunity to deepen their understanding of human rights issues.

Participants in the courses learn valuable knowledge and skills to take back to their workplace. It's also a great opportunity to work with other organisations, share practices and develop useful networks.

For more information, please follow the links below:

[Human rights and equality laws for disability advocates](#) (Three-part session in June)

[Reasonable adjustments for people with disabilities](#) (May and September sessions)

Nominations for the Victorian Disability Awards have been extended

Do you know someone who's making an outstanding contribution to the lives of people with disability?

The Victorian Disability Awards, now in their eleventh year, have a strong focus on recognising and honouring the achievements and contributions of individuals, teams and organisations that promote the rights and inclusion of people with disability.

Nominations have now been extended to Thursday 5 May 2022.

How to nominate

Nominations can be made online at the [awards website](#).

Before you begin, it's a good idea to read the [nomination guide](#). If you need assistance completing your nomination online, please contact the Awards Secretariat on 8850 6164 or awards@dffh.vic.gov.au.

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