



Get the lowdown on discrimination

Discrimination is when individuals or groups get treated unfairly because they are seen as different.

It is not OK to be excluded, called names or treated unfairly because...

- you use a wheelchair, need help walking or have any other disability
- you have problems learning
- your background is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- you or your parents come from another country
- you or your family belong to an ethnic, religious or cultural group
- you have a particular skin colour
- you're a boy
- you're a girl
- you're gay or lesbian
- you're married or have children
- of your physical appearance
- of your age
- of your economic status.

Some people have prejudices against people who are different. These prejudices come from distrust, fear, misunderstanding, lack of knowledge or jealousy.

Sometimes policies and places discriminate. Think about how many public places don't provide wheelchair access or bicycle access.

We can deal with our own prejudices by making friends with all groups of people – not just those we would normally relate to.