

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

Rights and Support

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It is important to know your rights. Rights are defined generally as entitlements or permissions, usually of a legal or moral nature. They underpin a democratic and inclusive society that respects the rule of law, human dignity, equality and freedom.

Rights are of vital importance in the fields of law, ethics and justice. This section contains information about your rights, including:

- discrimination
- domestic violence protection
- elections and voting
- equal opportunity
- freedom of information (FOI) - including how to lodge an FOI request
- human rights - protected rights, public consultation and human rights groups
- Indigenous Australians - reviews, reports and consultations regarding rights
- privacy and privacy laws - including making a complaint and how to access your personal information held by the ACT Government
- public advocacy
- victim of crime support, and
- whistleblowers - including how to make a disclosure.

The Directorate, through its Legislation and Policy Branch, has wide-ranging responsibility for human rights and freedom of information policy in the ACT. Among many Acts administered by the Department, two important pieces of legislation in this area are the [Human Rights Act 2004](#) and the [Freedom of Information Act 1989](#).

The Branch plays a key role in the legislative process, scrutinising all government bills proposed for introduction in the Legislative Assembly for compatibility with the [Human Rights Act 2004](#).