

Translation – Martu to Plain English



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Is someone you know vulnerable?

1. If someone you know has a disability that affects their decision-making it means they might not be able to make a decision by themselves.
2. Many things can cause a decision-making disability like:
3. Dementia – a type of disease that affects your memory.
4. Acquired brain injury – this is a type of brain damage that happens after birth and can be caused by disease, not much oxygen going to the brain or a hit to the head.
5. Brain damage caused by drinking too much alcohol or taking drugs.
6. Mental illness
7. Intellectual disability
8. Another way of saying of a person has a decision-making disability is to say they 'do not have capacity'.
9. Some people might have problems and be in danger if they have a decision-making disability.
10. Some people cannot look after themselves or stop other people hurting them.

11. If you are worried about someone and think they need some help with their decision-making, contact the Office of Public Advocate.
12. We will always try to work in a culturally proper way.
13. And you can ask for an interpreter to help.
14. Call 9278 7300
15. Or look up publicadvocate.wa.gov.au
16. Authorised by the Office of Public Advocate, spoken by Aboriginal Interpreting WA.

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