

## What is discrimination?

Discrimination is when someone is unfair to you because they think you're different from them.

For example, other children or adults may treat you badly at school because you belong to a group they don't like or don't understand. They may treat you badly because you look different to them, or because you do things differently from them. They may call you names which hurt you. They may tease or bully you. They may treat you badly or unfairly in some other way.

The law says that people must not be unfair to you or call you names because:

- you use a wheelchair, need help walking, or have any other disability
- you have problems learning
- you're Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander
- you or your parents come from another country
- you belong to an ethnic, ethno-religious, or cultural group
- you have a particular skin colour
- you or your parents speak another language
- you're a girl
- you're a boy.



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