

Joint Statement on Lateral Violence in the Disability Community



Lots of people in the disability community are feeling sad, angry and stressed at the moment.



Sometimes these feelings can make people in the disability community treat each other badly.

This is called **lateral violence**.



Lateral violence often happens on social media.



Social media can be a good place for people in the disability community to find information and support.



But sometimes people on social media can say things that are

- mean
- hurtful
- untrue.



This is never okay.



Everyone has the right to feel safe.



People in the disability community should be standing up for each other's rights.



Let's be strong and work together to make important change.



If you have experienced lateral violence and want to talk to someone

Lifeline is a free counselling service available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



Call 13 11 14

Online chat: www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat

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