

Vulnerability of being institutionalized – higher risk of sexual assault by staff members/ intra-patient

More likely to be victims of crime

May have Government dependence on Centrelink

Society's pre-occupation with disability rather than ability

May live in poverty and/or have a lack of economic independence

May have limited access to education and employment

Difficulties in accessing information on rights

May have a lack of choice in housing and transport

Increased risk of being silenced, disbelieved and trivialised

Lack of necessary levels of care or assistance in the community

Higher risk of homelessness

May live restricted social lives

May have a poor understanding of legal processes and procedures and difficulty reporting crime

Difficulties with effective communication

May not be aware that what is happening to them is violence

Discrimination

More vulnerable to violence, exploitation and neglect

Imbalance of power dynamics between the individual and other people in their lives

May be dependent on others for self care

Low self esteem and lack of assertiveness

Disabilities Barriers