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Finally, we have released a range of new resources about mandatory notifications highlighting the importance and the legal obligations of reporting misconduct by disability workers. We are holding a webinar on Wednesday 28 May to explain when and how to make mandatory notifications to us. I encourage all disability workers and employers to join us for the session. You can find more information and the resources below. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Seeking your views**  Are you a person with disability, a disability worker, carer or service provider? We want to hear from you on a range of topics including registration of disability workers, complaints and notifications under the Victorian Disability Worker Regulation Scheme.  We are seeking your participation in our annual disability sector survey. The survey will take around 15 minutes, and to thank you for your time, one in 10 respondents win a $100 GiftPay voucher.  Your feedback will help the Commission to identify what people with disability, their families and carers, disability workers and service providers need when engaging with and registering under the Scheme.  The survey is open until 21 May and is being run by independent company ORIMA Research. No personal information will be provided to the VDWC and responses are grouped in the report. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Start Survey**](https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/VDWC25?respondentId=open) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click here to complete an Easy Read version of the survey.](https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/VDWC25_EasyRead)  If you have difficulties accessing the online survey, or need to complete the survey in another way, please email [VDWCsurvey@orima.com](mailto:VDWCsurvey@orima.com) or call ORIMA on 1800 883 345. Tell them it is about the VDWC survey. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mandatory notifications: Know your obligations** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Disability workers and their employers are required under law to report conduct by disability workers that may put the people they support at risk. This is called a mandatory notification, which must be made to the Commission. The types of conduct that must be notified are when a disability worker has:   * been intoxicated by alcohol or drugs while working * engaged in sexual misconduct * placed, or may place, the public at risk due to an impairment that has, or is likely to, affect their ability to practice * placed the public at risk of harm because of a significant departure from accepted professional standards.   You must notify as soon as you reasonably believe the incident occurred or risk exists. For example, when you have direct knowledge or a report from a reliable source.  The simplest way to make a notification is through our website: [vdwc.vic.gov.au/notifications](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/notifications) or by calling 1800 497 132.  To support you to comply with your legal obligations when reporting notifiable conduct, we have developed new resources. You can check them out here:   * Mandatory notifications guidance [PDF](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/Guidance%20for%20disability%20workers%20-%20Mandatory%20notifications%20-%20April%202025.pdf)/[Word](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/Guidance%20for%20disability%20workers%20-%20Mandatory%20notifications%20-%20April%202025.docx) * Mandatory notifications fact sheet [PDF](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/VDWC%20Factsheet_%20Mandatory%20notifications.pdf)/[Word](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/VDWC%20Factsheet_Mandatory%20notifications_Accessible%20-%20April%202025.docx) * Mandatory notifications brochure [PDF](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/Mandatory%20Notifications%20brochure%20DL%20-%20April%202025.pdf)/[Word](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/VDWC%20Mandatory%20notifications%20brochure_Accessible%20-%20April%202025.docx) * Complaints and notifications flowchart [PDF](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-04/VDWC_Notification_VS_Complaint_Flowchart%20-%20April%202025.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Want to know when to make a notification to VDWC?**  All disability workers and employers are encouraged to join Commissioner Dan Stubbs and Commission staff at a free webinar to learn about:   * What is notifiable conduct? * The four types of conduct that must be notified to the Commission * Notifying the Commission and other regulators * Actions the Commission takes if people's safety is at risk.   **Date:** Wednesday 28 May 2025 **Time:** 10am **Location:** Online  You will also have the chance to ask questions.   To register for your free ticket visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/vdwc-notifications-webinar> | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In the media** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Ensuring participation and respect for people with disability**  The Victorian Disability Worker Commission recently featured in Link Disability Magazine discussing that every person with disability deserves quality support that makes them feel safe, happy and respected.  Receiving quality support means participating in all aspects of life and community, which can look different for each person with disability.  [Read more on pages 42-43.](https://issuu.com/theintermediagroup/docs/link_magazine_april_may_2025) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Out and about** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pathways to Care: Insights & Connections**  The Commissioner had the pleasure of participating in a panel discussion at the Pathways to Care Insights & Connections event in Shepparton earlier this month.  It was a fantastic opportunity to speak about the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme and how it keeps the sector at a high standard and supports people with disability and workers.   He shared that the best way to ensure safety for people with disabilities is to require high quality and respectful service and that workers who see unsafe conduct should notify the Commission. To learn more about mandatory notifications and to make a notification visit: [vdwc.vic.gov.au/notifications](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/notifications)  There was also strong interest and support for disability worker registration as this supports safer services. To learn more about registration, visit: [vdwc.vic.gov.au/disability-worker-registration](https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/disability-worker-registration)  We will be attending the upcoming Pathways to Care event in Ballarat on 14 May.  Event Details **Venue:** North Ballarat Sports Club **Date:** Wednesday 14 May **Time:**10:00 AM sharp Spaces are limited, to book your spot, [click here](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ndis-insights-connections-safeguarding-participants-support-workers-tickets-1329286464599) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Image descriptions: - Commissioner Dan Stubbs presenting a PowerPoint about the VDWC. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In the sector** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Be part of the VMIAC Navigating My Way project**  The Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC) is currently creating a set of resources for NDIS participants and service providers which will help participants understand their rights and make complaints.   They are looking for staff from NDIS Service Providers to engage with the project and be involved in a video resource or assist in reviewing draft resources.  More information on the project can be found here: [https://www.vmiac.org.au/navigating-my-way-project/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.vmiac.org.au/navigating-my-way-project/__;!!C5rN6bSF!Dgp91eeOX4n2nSXT5wBWfdvx9zkeM-hdZwtx-3jgEdPTaOR9TBfj2o4G7XOBP7Gr-giJ3vigtCZlXF1g3N8QInjhtJv1kOac$)   To receive more information on being involved email [navigatingmyway@vmiac.org.au](mailto:navigatingmyway@vmiac.org.au) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Save the date: VALID Advocacy in Action Conference**  Commissioner Dan Stubbs is looking forward to speaking at the VALID Advocacy in Action Conference in June. The conference will focus on key issues impacting advocacy services and people with disability.  Event Details **Venue:** Novotel Hotel Function Centre, (formerly Rydges Bell City) 215 Bell St. Preston **Date:** June 16-17th 2025 **Time:**  9.00 am to 4.30 pm  Registration opening soon.  For more information visit [valid.org.au/event/advocacy-in-action-conference](https://valid.org.au/event/advocacy-in-action-conference) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Discontinuation of X** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | From today, the Commission is ceasing use of our X (formerly Twitter) account.  This decision is in line with other government departments and follows a review of our communication and engagement objectives.  We encourage you to follow our other social media accounts – [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/VDWCommission), [Instagram](http://www.instagram.com/vicdwcommission/)and [LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/company/vdwcommission)– to stay up to date with Commission news. | | |
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