

Safeguarding in the Justice System

Communication Support for People with Disability Interacting with Police and Judicial Officers

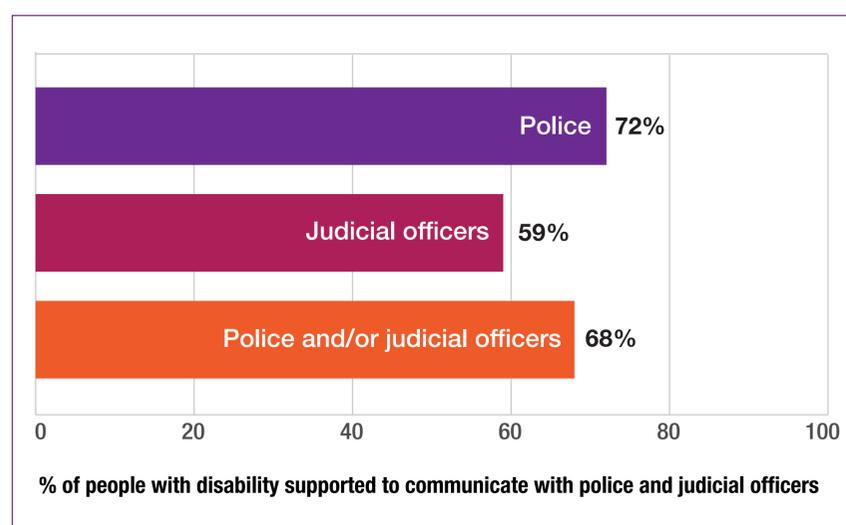
People with disability have the right to be safe and get fair treatment in the justice system, but may need support or adjustments to help with communication. The right supports can help ensure good outcomes.

How many people with disability need support to communicate in the justice system?

- Over half (52%) of people with disability who interact with police need communication support.
- 6 in 10 (62%) people with disability who go to court or interact with judicial officers (judges or magistrates) need support.

How many receive the support they need?

- 7 in 10 (72%) people with disability received the support they needed when communicating with police
- 6 in 10 (59%) received the support they needed to communicate with judicial officers



Who may miss out on receiving support?

- Younger people with disability (aged 18-24): 45% did not receive the support they needed, compared with 21% of those aged 65+
- People with severe or profound disability: 51% did not receive support, compared with 25% of people with milder forms of disability
- People with intellectual disability: 49% did not receive the support they needed, compared with 32% of all people with disability

How do we know this?

These findings come from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) analysis of the Australia's Disability Strategy Survey, funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

For more information:

Scan the QR code below to view this measure on the AIHW Australia's Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework website.

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