

**Villamanta Disability Rights Legal
Service Inc.
Website**

Visit our website www.villamanta.org.au

The website has more information including:

- **Villamanta Information Booklet**
More about what Villamanta does and who can use Villamanta.
- **Information Sheets**
about disability rights issues.
- **Books and Publications**
Villamanta also sells books and publications about disability issues. Some publications are free. For more details please phone us.
- **Useful links**
Access to other websites.

Free Newsletter

We also have a free newsletter which usually comes out three times per year. If you would like a copy, please contact us. We can email it or post it to you.



Free call - legal issues only

1800 014 111

1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Monday to Friday

All other calls

9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday

We are closed Wednesday mornings

Phone: (03) 5229 2925

Fax: (03) 5229 3354

**TTY Users: Please phone 133 677
then ask for 03 5229 2925**

Need An Interpreter?

Phone: 131 450

Email: legal@villamanta.org.au

Website: www.villamanta.org.au

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Community Legal Service
that works only on disability related
justice issues**



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Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

Villamanta is a free Statewide Community Legal Service that works only on disability related legal issues.

Our main purpose is to make sure that Victorian people who have a disability know about the law, and use the law, to get their rights. Our main focus is the rights of people who have an intellectual disability.

We provide:

- **Freecall telephone information, advice and referral service**
- **Casework on disability related legal issues**
- **Community Legal Education**
- **Policy and Law Reform**

All of these services are free to people who have a disability.

Some of these services are also provided to people who do not have a disability, who are involved in supporting people who have a disability.

Our Mission

Villamanta advances the rights of people who have a disability, particularly those who have an intellectual disability and who have a disability related legal or justice issue.

Telephone information, advice and referral

For information or advice about a disability related legal issue you can call Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service. If we are not the best people to help you, we will tell you who can help you.

You can use the **Free call** number if:

- you live in Victoria and
- have a disability or
- are calling us as an advocate, friend, relative or carer of a person who has a disability or
- work for a non-government or not for profit service.

1800 014 111 or **TTY 1800 014 333**

Monday—Friday 1.00 pm — 3.00 pm

All other people are asked to use our other number **(03) 5229 2925** to call us.

Policy and Law Reform

Villamanta also works to change government policies and laws to try to get a fairer go for people who have disabilities. This is done through lobbying politicians, negotiating with government departments, organising community campaigns, working with other community groups and sometimes running cases in courts.

Legal Casework

Villamanta employs a lawyer whose job, where possible, is to help people with their disability related legal problems. This might include giving advice, representing people in tribunals, writing letters and negotiating on behalf of people. It is not possible for us to help everybody who would like us to. So that we work for people who need us most, we use guidelines and a priority system worked out each year as part of our planning process. If we cannot help you, we will try to find you someone who can. Villamanta prefers to speak directly to the person with a disability, where possible.

Community Legal Education

Villamanta provides free community legal education about the legal rights of people who have a disability, mostly to people who have a disability.

Our community legal education includes visiting and talking with groups of people, or giving out written information, about legal rights issues affecting people who have a disability.

Training for service providers may be able to be arranged, for a fee.