My Rights

Scenarios

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SCHOOL TRANSITIONS TO ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES

We've discussed that everyone is guaranteed certain rights, and no one can treat someone differently or unfairly because of a disability. These rights protect the person with a disability. When a person, group, or organisation does something against these rights or breaks these rights, we say that they are violating the person's rights.

Read the following scenarios and discuss whether the person with a disability's rights have been violated and where they can get help.

1. Sean noticed a 'help wanted' sign in the corner shop down the road. He walked down to get an application so that he could bring it home and get some assistance filling it out. When the manager gave him the application and Sean said he would bring it back, the manager told him he needed all applications today and the Sean would have to fill out the application there before he left. Sean leaves without filling out the application, but then notices a week later that the 'help wanted' sign is still in the window.

   Has Sean's rights been violated? If so, how?

   Who can he ask for help?

2. Jamie has spent several months trying to decide what he wants to do after school. He finally finds a horticulture course at a local education and training board, but realizes the registration deadline passed a week ago. He gets in touch anyway and explains that he wants to enrol in the course. The course coordinator explains registration is closed and the course is full. He will have to wait until the next time the course is offered.

Has Jamie's rights been violated? If so, how?

Who can he ask for help?

3. Sarah has been working at the local coffee shop for a few months. She's a very hard worker and there are never any complaints from customers. There's one person that she works with that makes her very uncomfortable. This person always interrupts her when she is talking to customers, he takes over and send her to do some other task or job. Another co-worker has told her that he's made comments like 'I can't believe they let her talk to customers,' and 'she shouldn't be here.'

Has Sarah's rights been violated? If so, how?

Who can she ask for help?

4. John wants to join Men's Shed. He found a number for his local group, rang, and asked about meeting times and location. The man he spoke to was very nice and gave John all the information. John thanked the man and told him how excited he was. He explained that he's always liked making and building things, and that it's been tough to fill his time since leaving special school. They finished the conversation, but John got a call from the organizer a day later to say unfortunately, the group is full and there would be no space for John at this time.

Has John's rights been violated? If so, how?

Who can he ask for help?

5. Sam cut his finger chopping vegetables at home. His older sister worries that it is very deep and that he should be seen by a doctor, so she takes him to A & E. He registers and they take all the necessary information. They tell him he must go wait in the waiting room with everyone else until a doctor is available to see him.

Has Sam's rights been violated? If so, how?

Who can he ask for help?