

Don't get done over because you're young!

Did you know it's unlawful for someone to treat you unfairly just because you're young?

If you experience discrimination based on any of the grounds listed below, and it happens in one of the following areas, you can make a complaint to the Equal Opportunity Commission.

The Grounds:

age, sex, race, impairment or disability, sexual orientation or gender history, pregnancy or family responsibility, racial harrasment or sexual harrasment.

The Areas:

employment, education, accommodation, goods, services & facilities, sports & clubs, access to places and vehicles, application forms & advertising.

The WA Equal Opportunity Commission deals with discrimination and harrasment complaints that are covered by the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, which means your complaint must include one or more from each of the columns above.

Everyone has rights and responsibilities under the Act.

To find out more, phone 1800 198 149
or visit WWW.EOC.WA.GOV.AU

Examples of discrimination against youth:

A 22-year-old's application for a bank loan was refused and when she asked why she was told "...because people under the age of 24 are financially unstable". This is discrimination and is not allowed!

Security staff targeting young people, or those of a different skin colour or racial background, in retail outlets is fairly common, but it's also discrimination and is not permitted!



Cartoon by Nicholson from "The Australian" newspaper:
www.nicholsoncartoons.com.au

A young woman was harassed on her mobile phone and subjected to degrading sexual comments by her employer. This is sexual harassment which is often experienced by young women - if it happens to you - make a complaint!