



**Communication Disabilities Access Canada**

### **Communication Access Rights**

This resource is taken from CDAC's website at

<http://www.communication-access.org/people-with-communication-disabilities/communication-rights/>

If you have a communication disability, you have a right to:

- Be treated with respect.
- Understand what the person is saying to you.
- Have your messages understood by the other person.
- Use the communication method(s) that work best for you.
- Use a communication assistant if you want.
- Have someone follow your instructions on how to communicate with you.
- Get enough time to communicate your messages.
- Be able to ask questions and express your opinions.
- Be taken seriously.
- Connect with the organization using the telephone or another way that works better for you.
- Get communication supports that you may need to communicate effectively at meetings.
- Get any supports you may need to read, understand or handle an organization's written materials.
- Get any supports you may need to complete an organization's forms, take notes and sign documents.