



The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Part 1: Human Rights

Human Rights For All All people have equal rights

- Human Rights are what people need to live with dignity and “enjoy” freedom.
- All people have human rights.
- Nobody has more human rights than anyone else.



Basic Human Rights

Equality The right to be treated equally – not different than anyone else.

Safety The right to be safe from disasters, abuse and violence.

Privacy The right to privacy – no matter where you live.



- **Right** to think what you want.
- **Right** to be to included in the community.
- **Right** to healthcare.
- **Right** to work in safe conditions.
- **Right** to be paid a wage you can live on.



- **UNIVERSAL** (They belong to everyone).
- **INALIENABLE** (Can not be taken away).
- **INDIVISIBLE** (Cannot be divided from each other).
- **INTERRELATED** (All human rights affect each other).

Human rights come with responsibilities



**What human rights
are important to you?**





Part 2: Laws and Treaties

Human Rights Protections

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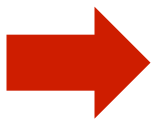
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

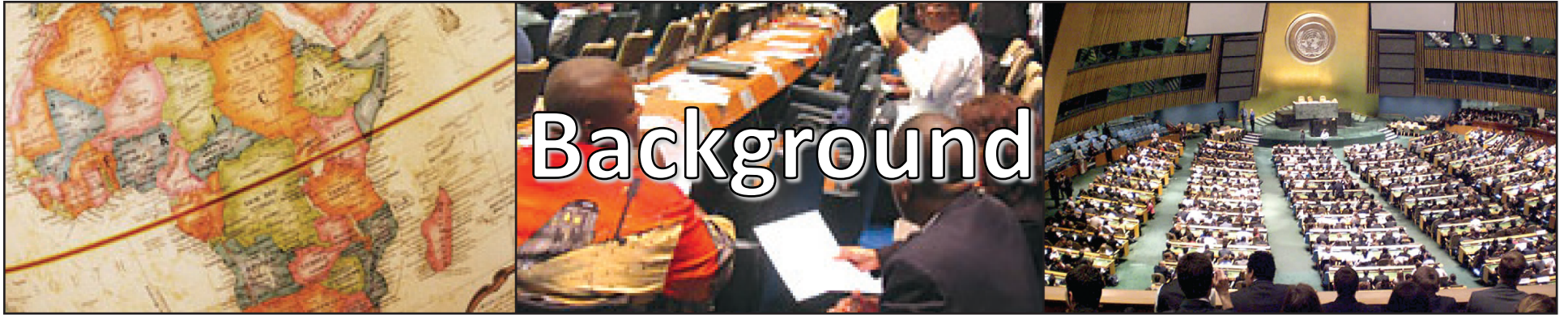
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Universal Declaration of Human Rights
(1948 Human Rights Statement)



**The Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities**



- MEMBERS** 192 States (countries)
- STARTED** 1945 after World War II
- PURPOSE** International peace
Friendly relations among countries
Better living conditions
Human rights for all



- Treaties are agreements in writing between 2 or more countries.
- Countries can choose to join a treaty.
- If a country joins a treaty – it is legally binding.
- They must follow what a treaty says to do.

Treaty = Agreement = Convention



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

CRPD is a treaty about the human rights of people with disabilities.

CRPD is a treaty that helps countries understand how to act to assure people with disabilities have important human rights.



- There are over 650 million people with disabilities worldwide.
- People with disabilities were sometimes treated “invisible” in many countries.
- Many people experience terrible human rights violations.
- Developing (poor) countries want to improve the quality of life for all their citizens.
- Countries agreed that a human rights treaty specifically for people with disabilities was the best solution!



All disabilities

The treaty is for all people with disabilities.

Promotes

Respect for the choices and full inclusion of all people with disabilities.

Requires

All countries to include people with disabilities and their organizations in decisions that affect their lives.

Reports

Each country is required to report their progress.



The treaty was written by member countries of the United Nations (UN).

Many meetings were held at the UN headquarters in New York.

Meetings included many people with disabilities!

Meetings finished December 2006.





- Do you think the key points of the treaty are important?
- Why should the treaty be important to Americans?



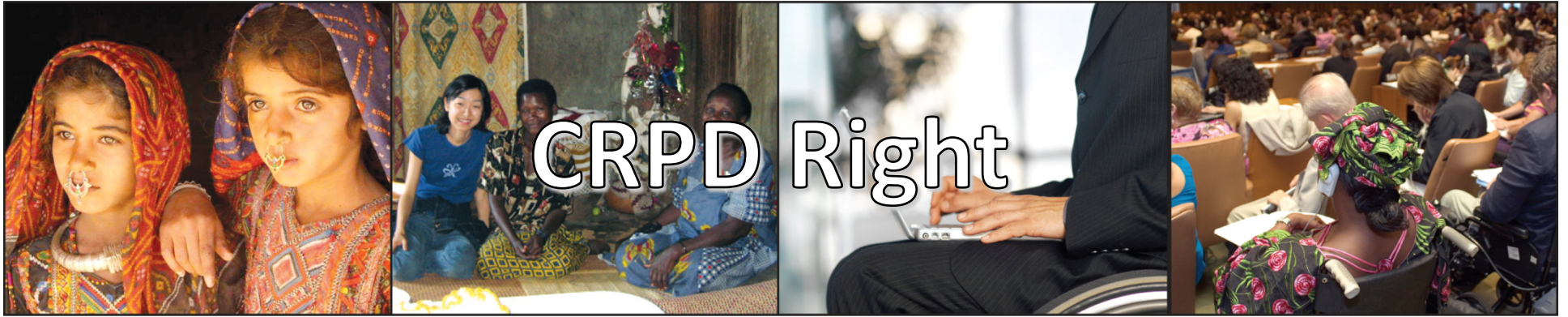
Part 3: CRPD Article 11

Emergencies and Disasters

Lives can be in jeopardy if people with disabilities do not plan and are not ready to take action quickly in a disaster.

Examples:

Natural disasters – floods, fire and earthquakes



CRPD Right

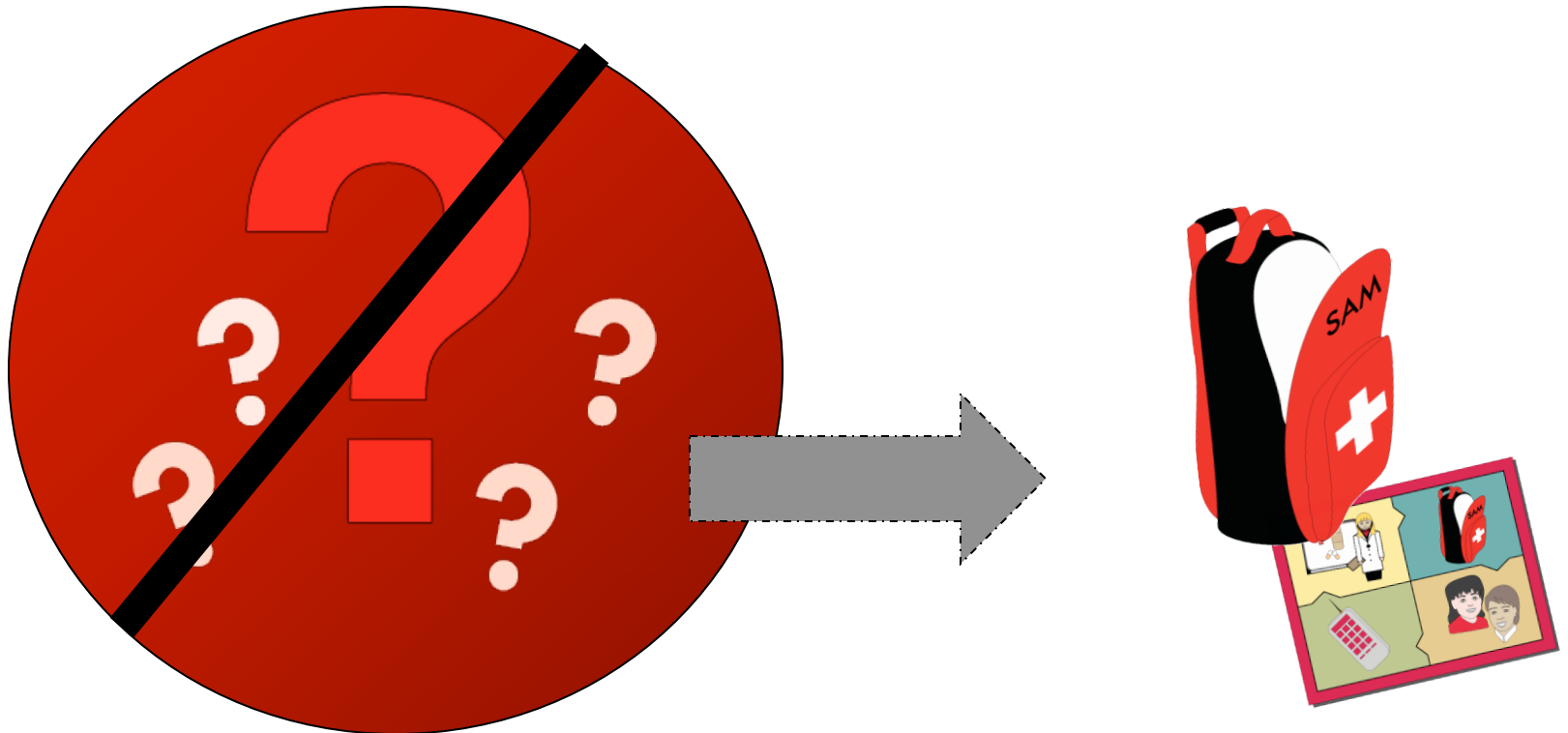
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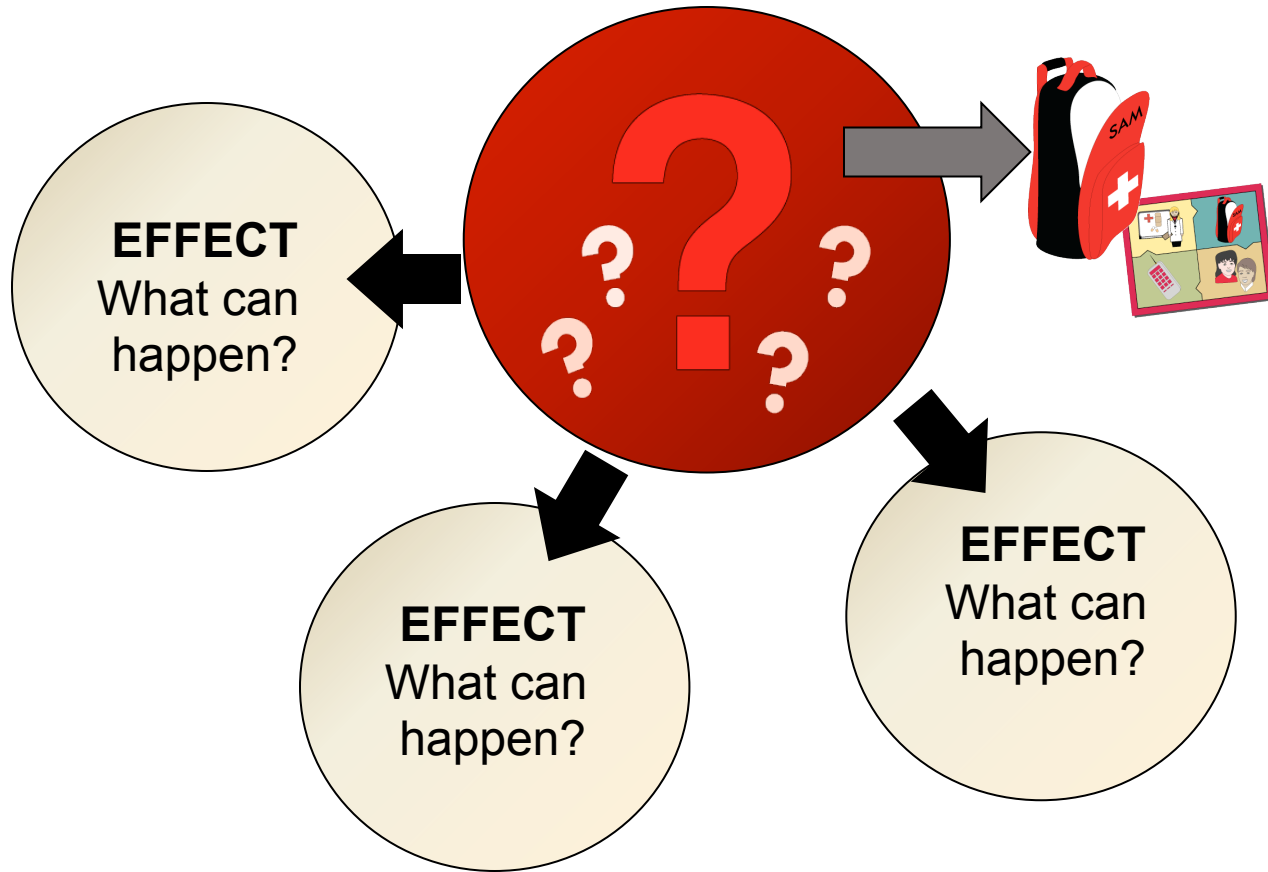
The right to be safe in a natural disaster.



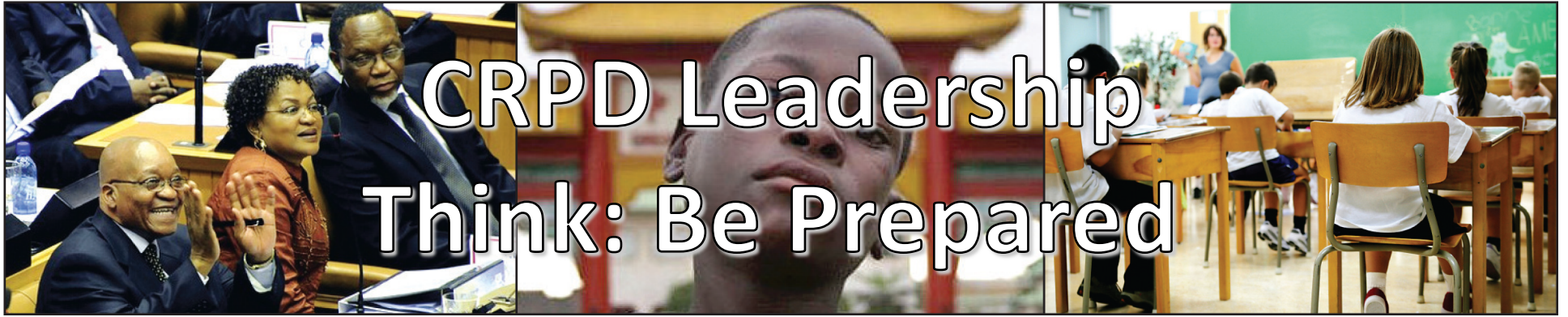


What can happen if people with disabilities do not have the right to safety?

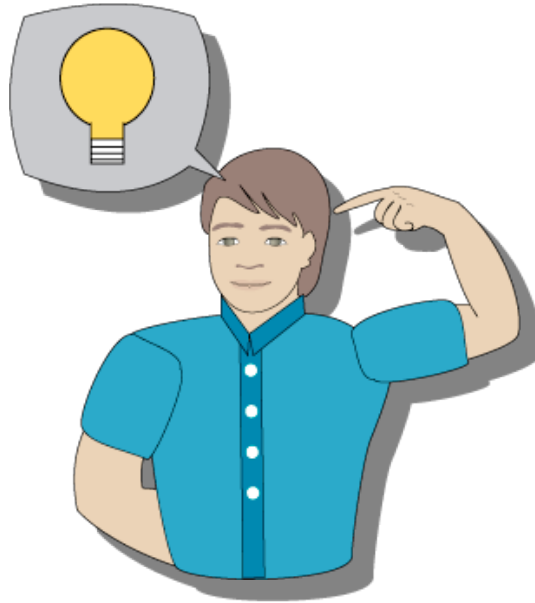




Are other human rights affected?



CRPD Leadership Think: Be Prepared

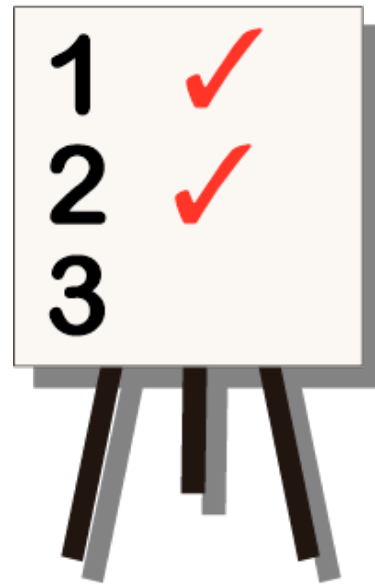


THINK

Why is it important to be prepared for natural disasters or emergency situations?

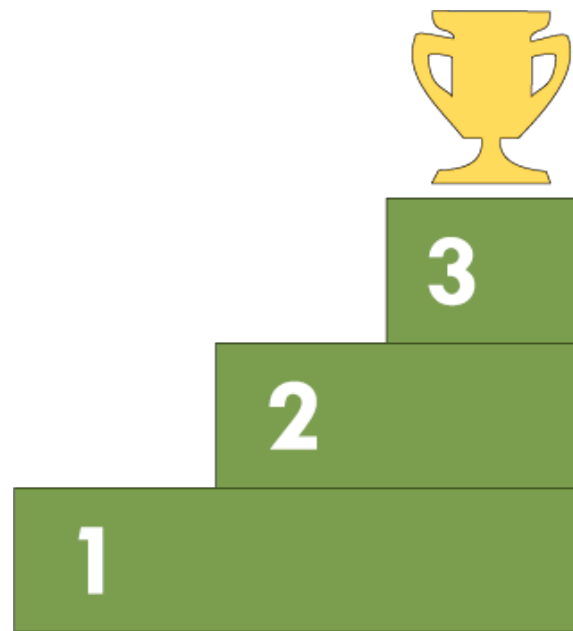


CRPD Leadership Making a Plan



PLAN

What steps can you take to ensure people with disabilities are prepared?



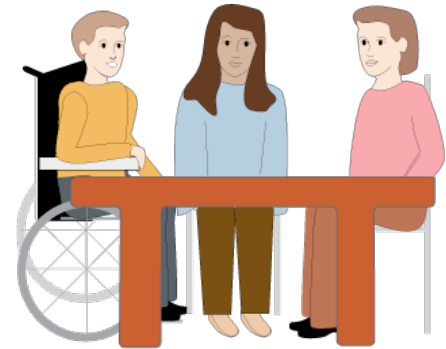
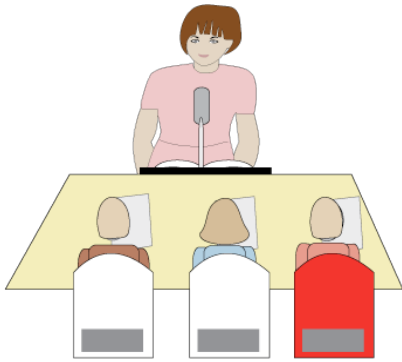
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What can you do to “lead by example”?

What can you do to ensure others are prepared?



Discussion



How can you get involved?



Part 4: Panel Discussion & Questions

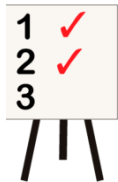
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THINK:

What can the treaty do for people with disabilities in the United States?

Carol



PLAN:

What are some ways to tell people about the treaty?

Sam



DO:

“Be the Leader” – Lead by example.