

Who can use plastic straws?

Victorian Government



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.



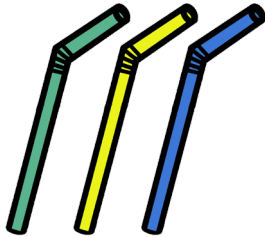
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About this book

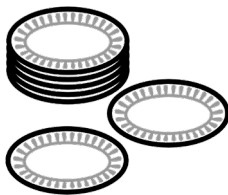
This book is from the Victorian Government.

This book is about **single-use plastic straws**.



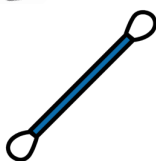
A single-use plastic straws means

- the straw is made from plastic
- you **cannot** use the straw again
- you throw the straw in the bin after you use it.



Other single-use plastic could be

- plastic plates
- plastic knives and forks
- plastic cotton buds.

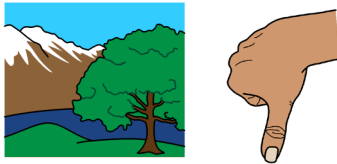


We want to use less single-use plastic



Single-use plastic

- makes a lot of rubbish

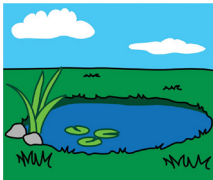


- is bad for the **environment**.

The environment is everything around us including



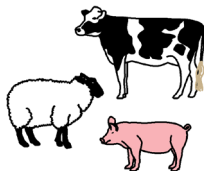
- air



- water



- plants



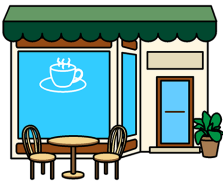
- animals.

We have a new rule about single-use plastic in Victoria

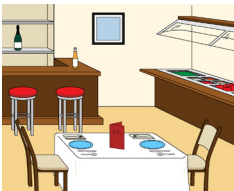
After 1 February 2023 some single-use plastics will **not** be allowed in places like



- shops



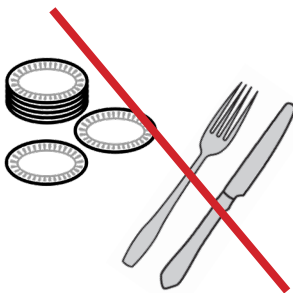
- cafes



- restaurants



- bars.



Places will **not** be allowed to buy or sell some single-use plastics.

For example, plastic knives and forks.



Single-use plastic straws will only be allowed for people who need them.

Who can use single-use plastic straws?

You can use single-use plastic straws if you need to because of



- your disability



- your medical needs.

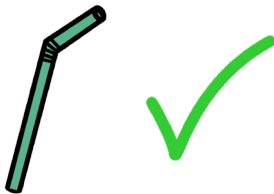


You do **not** have to show proof of

- your disability

or

- your medical needs.



It is **not** against the rules to use a plastic straw if you need to.



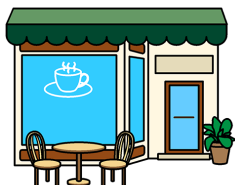
You can ask for a plastic straw when you need one.

Who can you ask for straws?

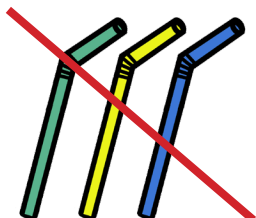


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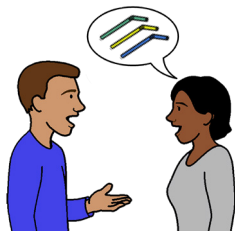
- go to a shop



- order a drink at a bar or cafe.



Some places might **not** have plastic straws because of the new rule.



You can ask people to help you get straws

You could ask your

- family



- friend

- carer



- **disability support provider.**

A disability support provider helps people with disability to live their lives how they want.

You can use your own straws



You can buy single-use plastic straws and keep them at home.



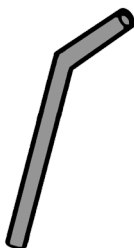
You can take your straws with you when you go to a place where you will need a straw.

What can you use instead of a plastic straw?



If you do **not** need to use a plastic straw you can use

- paper straws
- straws that can be washed and used again, like metal straws.





More information

For more information contact
the Victorian Government.



Website vic.gov.au/plastics



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