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Introduction

This is the first edition of *A Straightforward Guide to The Rights of Disabled people*. The book is aimed primarily at people with physical disabilities and is wide ranging, dealing with everything from benefits, employment travel, rights in the home and disabled servicemen and women.

Currently, at the time of writing, 2015, there are real fears that the benefits and security enjoyed by people with disabilities are under attack, mainly through the government’s approach to reducing the overall welfare bill. It is feared that the introduction of benefits such as Personal Independence Payments, which replace Disability Living Allowance for those under 65 and also the abolition of the Independent Living Fund, will in the longer-term have an effect on disabled people and their incomes. This is because, in the main, disabled people find it harder to enter the workplace and sustain employment that others.

This book covers the benefit system in its entirety and highlights what you may or may not be entitled to. It also covers carer’s rights and the new law governing those rights, the Care Act 2014. From thereon we discuss employment law as it affects disabled people, education, care homes, rights whilst in hospital, rights in the home, disabled children, rights whilst travelling, rights for ex-service personnel and general rights covering the payment of income tax.

Finally, at the end of the book there are useful addresses and websites of organisations who deal with all areas of disability.

This book sets out to educate and inform those with physical disabilities, their carer’s and also parents of disabled people, whether adult or child.