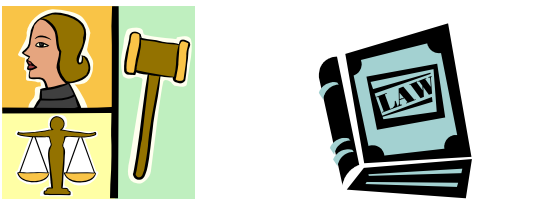













MENTAL CAPACITY ACT

Easy Read



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	<p>The Mental Capacity Act is a law.</p>
	<p>The law says everyone has the right to make decisions about their own life when they are able.</p>
	<p>Some people cannot make some decisions.</p>
	<p>For example, some people cannot understand how to spend their money.</p>
	<p>Other people cannot decide where they should live.</p>
	<p>The Mental Capacity Act says people must be given help to make their own decisions wherever possible.</p>

	<p>To make a decision, people must be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand information about the decisionRemember the informationThink about the choices and consequencesTell someone else what they decided
	<p>Professionals: Support workers, doctors, nurses, and social workers must follow the law.</p>
	<p>If a person cannot make a decision, the decision must be made for them.</p>
	<p>The decision must be what is best for the person.</p>
	<p>To decide what is best for the person, professionals must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Talk to the personTalk to people who care about the person (family or support workers)Think about what the person wants
	<p>When deciding what is best for the person, professionals must think about the person's rights and freedom.</p>