



# Making Good Decisions

## Law for Social Work Practice

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What does the law require of social workers when deciding how to intervene to protect children and adults at risk? What social work standards should guide decisions about whether, when and how to invoke statutory powers and duties in practice? *Making Good Decisions* provides an accessible and practical guide to the legal rules and principles that should guide everyday social work practice. It sets out the key elements of administrative law, equality and human rights legislation which shape how social workers practise and illustrates how knowledge and use of legal principles can support core social work goals, including empowerment, equality and social justice. An invaluable reference point for all students and practitioners, this book will support and empower social workers to feel more confident in making and challenging decisions, more credible when presenting assessments and plans, and more creative when working with service users and carers. The text is supported by a range of innovative features and boxed information to aid learning and stimulate reflection: Key Case...

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### FEATURES

- A unique skills oriented focus demonstrates how application of the law can provide a solid base for effective decision making across a range of social work practice fields and specialisms
- Bridges the gap between theory and practice schism
- An accessible starting point for students, as well as a handy refresher guide for experienced practitioners