

Disability Etiquette

Don't assume that:

- A person with a disability is easily offended.
- Rejection of aid is meant as a personal insult.
- A person with a disability either wants or requires assistance.
- Upon acceptance of your help, you know without being told what service to perform.
- A person who appears to have one kind of disability also has others.
- A person with a disability is dissatisfied with their quality of life and is seeking pity.
- That a person who does not appear to have a disability or who uses assistive devices intermittently, instead of all the time, is faking or imagining their disability.
- Companions accompanying a person with a disability are there strictly to render services.
- A person with a disability will be receptive to personal questions, particularly in a public setting.
- That when a person with a disability is in a public place, they are being escorted by a caretaker instead of traveling alone.