

Disability Awareness Tips



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FOR CANADIANS WITH A DISABILITY

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Overview

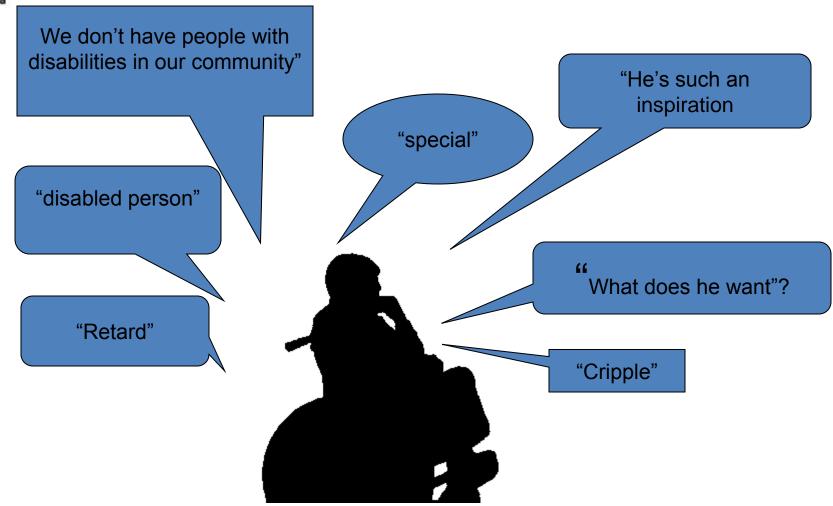
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 This presentation will help to educate those looking to hone their communication skills with regards to persons with disabilities.



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Assumptions We Wear

Fears, language and assumptions need to be considered when supporting people with disabilities



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Disability Etiquette

- Always put the person before the disability!
- It is important to say...
- "he/she uses a wheel chair" not "confined to a wheelchair"
- "a person who has epilepsy" not "an epileptic".



Disability Etiquette

2. Use the term "person with a disability".

"Disability" means that an individual is limited in one's ability to do an activity. "Handicap" is a barrier that limits a person's opportunity to participate in society.



Disability Etiquette

3. Offer people with disabilities the same choices as you would anyone else. People with visible and invisible disabilities have the right to fully participate in the community.





4. All people are unique. Individuals all have unique things they can and cannot do.





5. Offer assistance when it appears to be required, but do not insist on helping if the individual refuses your offer.



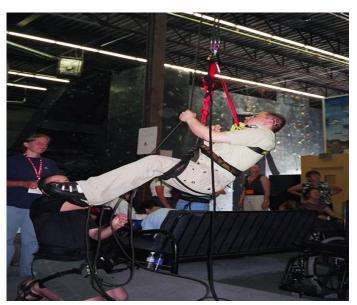


6. Consider barriers that make it difficult for people to participate.





7. Assistive devices, such as crutches and wheelchairs, are necessary for individuals with disabilities. Don't remove them from someone unless they have instructed you to do so.



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8. Speak to the person with the disability, not to a friend or attendant.





9. Treat people with disabilities as you yourself would like to be treated. Dignity, respect and common sense are very important!





Summary

This presentation has provided insight to the audience on how to foster accepting attitudes when dealing with people with disabilities.

Through understanding and acceptance we can build positive relationships.



Thank You

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