



Disability Etiquette

Communicating with people with mobility impairments

Disability etiquette is a courteous and respectful way of communicating and interacting with people with disabilities.





What to Know

Visitors with mobility impairments can often be easily identified because they use mobility devices like manual or power wheelchairs, electric scooters, or golf carts, walkers, canes, crutches, or braces.

Some mobility impairments are less apparent, such as those that effect fine motor skills.

What to Say

Ask permission before you start pushing someone's wheelchair or physically touching/supporting someone in any way.

What to do

Respect personal space and belongings.

Try to be eye to eye. If the person is in a wheelchair, try to sit down so that you can look one another in the eye.