

Disability Etiquette

Don't Assume

- ... 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 that 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 his/her 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 public place, he/she is being escorted by a caretaker, instead of traveling alone.

