

ACCESS COMMUNICATION FOR DEAFBLIND

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ETIQUETTE

- When assisting a deafblind to navigate. Use your hand, touch their shoulder and slide it down to their elbow to let them know you would like to access communication with them.
- DON'T DO's
 - GRAB CANE OUT OF THEIR HAND (It's their personal tool)
 - Grab their hand for attention or to access communication
 - Tap them for attention
- When guiding a DeafBlind to pick up an object or open a door.
 - Use H under their hand to guide them to the object or door so they can access.
 - DO NOT GRAB THE OBJECT FOR THEM.
 - DO NOT GRAB THEIR HAND AND PULL THEM TO THE OBJECT OR DOOR

Example: Chair, object on the floor, open/close door
- Guiding them to a destination:
 - Let the DeafBlind hold your elbow while they follow you to the destination.

TOUCH SIGNALS

Protactile, a practice and philosophy that emerged from "the realization that DeafBlind people's intuitions about tactile communication are stronger than the intuitions sighted people have" and has changed the way they communicate, work with interpreters, and live (Granda & Nuccio, 2018)

TOUCH SIGNALS

Person

Switch

Agree / Yes / Affirmation

No / Negation

Laugh

Table

Window

Chair

Door

Move / Next to

Staircase

Bathroom

Ramp Down / Ramp Up

Exit / Leave

Enter / Return

Typing

Writing

Applause

Question

Raise Hand

Emergency

Talking / Noisy

Draw the room,
point you are
here, person
here walking

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Q&A: ASK ME ANYTHING

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