

Be Informed When Speaking to People with Disabilities

Rule 1: Do not assume that we, people with disabilities, need your help.

Rule 2: Speak at a respectful, regular volume and speed when talking to us.

Rule 3: Speak directly to the person with a disability about what they want or need. Do not ask their friend or companion what they would like. We can speak for ourselves.

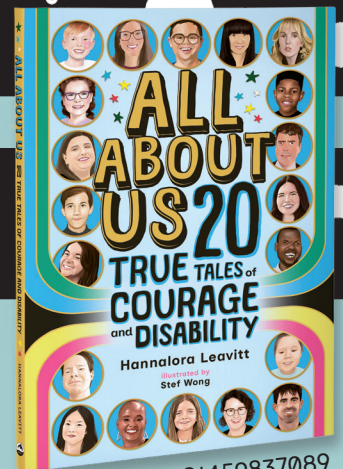
Rule 4: Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, white canes and service dogs are all part of our personal space. Don't ever touch us or our equipment without asking permission first.

Rule 5: Always follow rules 1 through 4!



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