



Disability Etiquette

The best way to learn disability etiquette is to experience what it's like to live with a disability. Consider how you would want to be treated, talked to, and assisted? You can rely on some general guidelines to show respect through your actions and language.

Ideas

- Review the common guidelines used to treat, talk to, and assist those with special needs.
- Assign partners and have them practice with one being the helper and the other being the one needing help. Use wheelchairs, blindfolds, etc. Recap what they felt and learned,

Questions

- What does it mean to focus on the person instead of their disability?
- Should you refer to someone as an autistic person, a person with autism, or something else?
- Even if you know the guidelines, why is it important to ask the individual?
- What does assume intelligence mean?
- What is the polite and safe way to guide a person?
- How can teaching disability etiquette to everyone create an inclusive church?