

Blind & Low-Vision Considerations

Blind or low-vision people may use:

- A cane
- A guide dog
- A sighted guide
- No aids at all



A person who is blind may have some usable sight or be able to see light and dark.



A person with low vision typically has usable sight but may need magnification.

Interaction Tips

- Identify yourself directly to a person with a vision disability. In a Zoom room, always say your name before you speak.
- When guiding a person who is blind, **allow them to take your elbow**. Walk on the other side of the person from the guide dog or cane.
- When guiding a person who is blind, describe the setting as you walk, including partially opened doors, steps, or ramps (basically anything that will help keep the person aware of obstacles!)
- Do not shout when speaking to a person who has low vision or is blind.
- When guiding a person who uses a white cane, do not touch the person's white cane.
- **Do not grab, push, or pull** a person who has a vision disability.
- Do not leave a person with a vision disability without letting them know that you are leaving.