



*"Empowering persons with all types
of disabilities to achieve independence"*

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Disability-Related Language Guidelines

Say this...

A person who uses a wheelchair
A person who is a wheelchair user
A person with hearing loss
A person who is deaf/hearing impaired
A person who is blind/visually impaired
A person who is unable to speak
A person who is non-verbal
A person who had polio
A person who has multiple sclerosis
A person with muscular dystrophy
A person with cerebral palsy
A person with epilepsy
A person with a seizure disorder
A person with an intellectual disability
A person with a learning disability
Persons with disabilities
Persons who have disabilities
Person without a disability
Children with disabilities
Has a physical disability
Has a mental disorder
Has Down's syndrome
A disability
A seizure
A condition
A congenital disability
Successful, productive
Added responsibility

Not This.

Wheelchair bound
Confined to a wheelchair
Suffers with a hearing loss
A deaf person
A blind person
Dumb, mute
Deaf and dumb
Victim of polio
Suffers from multiple sclerosis
Stricken by muscular dystrophy
A cripple, spastic
An epileptic
A spastic
Retarded, retard
Slow learner
The handicapped, afflicted
Poor unfortunates, the disabled
Normal, healthy, able-bodied
Special or exceptional children
Crippled, lame, deformed, physically challenged
Crazy, insane, psycho
Mongoloid
A handicap, handicapped
A fit
A disease (Most disabilities are conditions, even if originally caused by diseases)
A birth defect
Courageous, heroic
Drain, burden

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