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entering a room

Identify yourself and address the individual by name so the person will know you are speaking to him or her. If you need to leave a person alone, inform them first and ask where they would like to wait.

walking someplace

Ask the individual if they would like you to guide them to another location. If accepted, let the person take your arm just above the elbow. As you are walking, describe the setting, noting any obstacles such as stairs and objects.

dogs & canes

If an individual has a guide dog, walk on the opposite side of the dog. Never pet a guide dog or any other service animal. The dog is working and must concentrate. A cane is part of an individual's personal space so avoid touching it. If the person puts the cane down in an inconvenient place, don't move it. Let them know it is in the way.

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