



WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE A BLIND PERSON

- **When addressing a blind person, identify yourself immediately so that there is no mystery as to your identity.**
- **When leaving the presence of a blind person, say so; don't place them in an embarrassing situation by just walking away.**
- **When guiding a blind person, offer your arm for assistance. A blind person can anticipate your movements by walking slightly behind you.**
- **Offer understanding, consideration, and friendship to a blind person—not pity!**
- **When showing a blind person to a chair, guide their hand to the backrest of the chair.**
- **When communicating with a blind person, speak in a normal tone directly to the person, not to the sighted guide or other companion of the blind person.**
- **Offer assistance when you see a blind person attempting to cross a busy intersection, but don't be discouraged or offended by a "No thank you." It could be that the person is familiar with the surroundings and feels secure.**
- **Don't distract a guide dog from its main purpose of safely leading its master. Never pet a guide dog or offer it food.**

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