

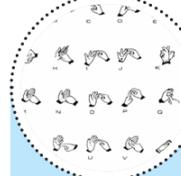
how to communicate with me

I am deafblind *Each deafblind person is different*

A resource for communicating with people who are deafblind

 <p>No vision with no hearing</p>	 <p>No vision with little hearing</p>	 <p>Little vision with no hearing</p>	 <p>Little vision and little hearing</p>
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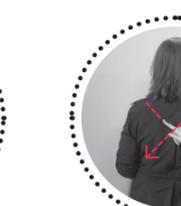
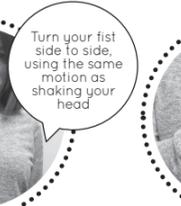
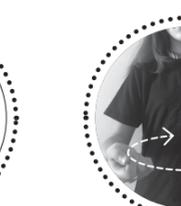
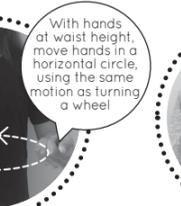
Different ways to communicate:

 <p>Use my smartphone to communicate with me</p>	 <p>Write a short message on paper in large letters</p>	 <p>Use the Auslan alphabet to finger-spell messages</p>	 <p>Write capital letters and numbers on my palm slowly, one at a time</p>	 <p>Use tactile (touch) sign language</p>	 <p>Speak clearly into my right or left ear</p>	 <p>Hold your hands up in front of your chest so I can see them clearly</p>
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How to give me something and guide me:

 <p>Touch me gently on the shoulder</p>	 <p>Guide my hand to the item</p>	 <p>Don't hold an item right in front of my face</p>	 <p>Allow me to take your elbow (upper arm)</p>	 <p>Allow me to place my hand on your shoulder</p>	 <p>Move your elbow behind you before going into a narrow space</p>	 <p>Let me walk a pace behind you</p>	 <p>Raise your shoulder before going up stairs</p>	 <p>Lower your shoulder before going down stairs</p>
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Useful signs:

 <p>Hello</p>	 <p>Danger</p>	 <p>Where</p>	 <p>You</p>	 <p>Going</p>	 <p>Train</p>	 <p>Good</p>
 <p>Yes</p>	 <p>No</p>	 <p>Tram</p>	 <p>Fingerspell T-A-X-I</p>	 <p>Bus</p>	 <p>Toilet</p>	 <p>Bad</p>

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