

# Considerations for Survivors with Mobility or Physical Disabilities

- Mobility chairs/wheelchairs are part of an individual's personal space. Do not lean on, touch or otherwise maneuver someone's chair without permission.
- If you see that an accommodation may be appropriate, ask the survivor before you proceed. "Would you like help holding the door open?"
- Always ask permission. Don't touch or move the cane, prosthesis, mobility chair, braces, etc. of the survivor.
- Allow the survivor to tell you their needs. Do not bombard them with questions.
- Seek to communicate with people at an even level physically, i.e. if someone is using a mobility chair, sit down or kneel when conversing for an extended period of time.

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