



### **7 Mistakes to Avoid when Interacting with People with Disabilities**

1. Treating a person with a disability as someone who is dependent on others.
2. Pitying someone with a disability.
3. Putting someone with a disability on a pedestal.
4. Thinking someone with a disability has “special” gifts or abilities just because this person has a disability.
5. Invading the person’s privacy by asking them direct questions about their disability or diagnosis.
6. Making assumptions about what a person with a disability is or is not capable of doing.
7. Assuming that all people with similar disabilities are alike in their opinions, preferences, abilities, or interests.