

Tip Sheet: Blind or Low vision

A person with low vision means they can have one of a wide range of visual impairment disabilities. People with low vision can still see, but their vision is limited. Being blind means you cannot see. There's many ways to have your event accessible to those who are blind or of low vision.



Tips for users



Contact the event organizers and ask if they will provide sighted guides.

Mention to organizers if you would like to attend with your Guide Dog.

Notify organizers that you will require materials in audio format or braille.

Tips for organizers



All stairs should have handrails. For additional support, reflective stripes aid visibility.

All paths should be clear and easy to navigate. There should be no obstacles. Make sure the staff is able to describe the venue as well.

Signage should be clear for those with low vision. Large print and contrasting colours helps as well.

Braille and audio formats of materials should be available for those who are blind.

Staff should be positioned around locations frequently visited, such as bathrooms, so they can assist anyone who may need it.

State your name every time before speaking so that people with low vision do not need to guess who you are.

For non-verbal performances, it's possible to have an audio description narrating the event. With headphones, they can still enjoy the show from hearing a description of it live.

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References

<https://cnib.ca/en/sight-loss-info?region=gta>

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