

DEAF SUPPORT




DO'S & DON'TS


FOR HEARING PEOPLE


WHEN IN THE COMPANY OF DEAF PEOPLE


AN ADVICE LEAFLET


PLEASE DO


 Use a pleasant facial expression when approaching a Deaf person.

 Wave from the side or tap gently on the arm or shoulder when seeking a Deaf person's attention from behind tap the table or stamp on a wooden floor if at distance.

 Look at the Deaf person when they are communicating with you.


 Keep your face in the light so the Deaf person can see you when communicating.


 Stand or sit back to allow a Deaf person to see you and others.


 Keep a Deaf person informed at least occasionally when a spoken conversation is taking place.





PLEASE DON'T


 Scowl, frown or show a hostile facial expression for no reason.

 Prod in the back when seeking attention - this can shock a Deaf person.

 Turn away when a Deaf person is signing/speaking to you; it will interrupt conversation.

 Hide your face and hands when communicating.

 Stand too close or lean forward to block their view preventing Deaf people from seeing what is being expressed.

 In a group situation, talk without informing a Deaf person what is happening.



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