

Safety for Visually Impaired Residents

- Always identify yourself when entering a room. Identify other people in the room and tell the resident where they are located. Let the resident know when you leave the room.
- Leave all doors either completely closed or completely open.
- Keep the room lighted as the resident prefers.
- Do not rearrange furniture in the room without the resident's permission.
- For a new resident, walk her all the way around her room and the other rooms of the facility to familiarize her with the layout of the area.
- When ambulating a visually impaired resident, walk a little ahead and to the side of her. Allow her to touch your arm to guide her. Warn her of any steps, uneven areas, doors, or other potential obstacles in her path. Allow the resident to set the pace.
- Explain procedures carefully before beginning them. Tell the resident when the procedure is completed.