

# Guide Dogs.

## Is inclusion on your menu?

How to welcome and respect the rights of people with low vision or blindness, like me.



▶ **Let Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs in.**

It's the law. Fines and penalties apply for refusal.

▶ **Keep entrances clear.**

Create an accessible space by allowing me to enter without navigating narrow spaces and trip hazards.

▶ **Approach and talk to me.**

I am often addressed via my dining partner, which isn't necessary or respectful. Please talk to me directly.

▶ **Allow me choice and control.**

It isn't necessary to tell me where I should sit, what I should eat and how, or what assistance I need. I am the expert in my own life.

▶ **Embrace diversity.**

How people experience low vision or blindness is diverse. We may need different things such as low light, lots of light, guiding assistance or no assistance at all. Be open to providing different types of support.

▶ **Make information accessible.**

Ensure information is accessible to all, and provide alternatives to printed materials, such as offering to read out menu items, prices and informing me of any important safety notices or signage.

▶ **Don't feed, pat or talk to Guide Dogs or Assistance Dogs.**

Dogs are cute, we get it! It is important that they only listen to their Handler so they can do the job they are trained to do.

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