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• Improving the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful work and community inclusion

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• Funded by National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
ADA National Network

• Ten regional centers provide guidance, training, and materials on the ADA
  • 1-800-949-4232
  • ADA.ta.org
Accessible Entertaining: Let’s Gather Together
• Invitations?
  • Ask guests to let you know if they need accessibility features or accommodations
  • Follow up if a guest indicates a need that you don’t understand or you think you may not be able to meet
Home or Away?

• Going out?
  • Look for accessible venues, ask about accessible features (parking, entrance, restrooms, etc.)

• Staying in?
  • If you know your home is not physically accessible, and you’re expecting a guest with access needs, consider whether there are temporary measures you can take (portable ramp?), or maybe you should consider …
Set the Scene

• Decorations? Cool! Extra seating? Yes!
  • Leave enough clear space for maneuvering for people using wheelchairs, walkers, etc.

• Mood lighting? Sure!
  • Maintain good lighting on walkways, in restrooms, food and beverage service areas
  • Avoid blinking or flashing lights with fast flash rates

• Scents and sensibility
  • Avoid, or use sparingly, strongly scented air fresheners, soaps, candles, flowers, etc.
Food and Beverage: Buffet

• Self-serve items within reach for people of short stature or those using wheelchairs or scooters

• Identify items and ingredients
  • Common allergens (nuts, shellfish, etc.)
  • Unique items (sugar-free, etc.)
Games and Activities

• Choose activities that are suitable for everyone, or offer different types of activities, both group and solitary activities (nature walks, scavenger hunts, dancing, crafts, brain-teaser puzzles, board games, card games, word games, etc.)

• Team sports and collaborative games can be a good way to include people of varying skill levels (as well as children) and to foster mentoring or “buddy system” approaches to group activities
Turn on the Captions

• Watch party? Turn on the captions for that football game, classic holiday movie, or parade broadcast!

How many people wander around with dragon eggs?
Quiet Spot

• Set aside a quiet spot for anyone who needs a break from noisy or crowded spaces

QUIET CORNER

“Quiet people have the loudest minds.”
- Stephen Hawking
Enjoy!

• Remember, being a good host is all about being considerate and making your guests feel comfortable and welcome!
Thank You for Joining Us!

Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

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