



Information Sheet

Communication Strategies

What to consider when communicating with a person who has an intellectual disability

- Carefully consider the person's ability to understand
- Allow plenty of time
- Be careful to avoid assumptions (There is no evidence that people with ID/DD need less information on death and dying than any other person)
- Use picture cues and books
- Provide honest and simple answers
- Use concrete communication versus abstract concepts

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