

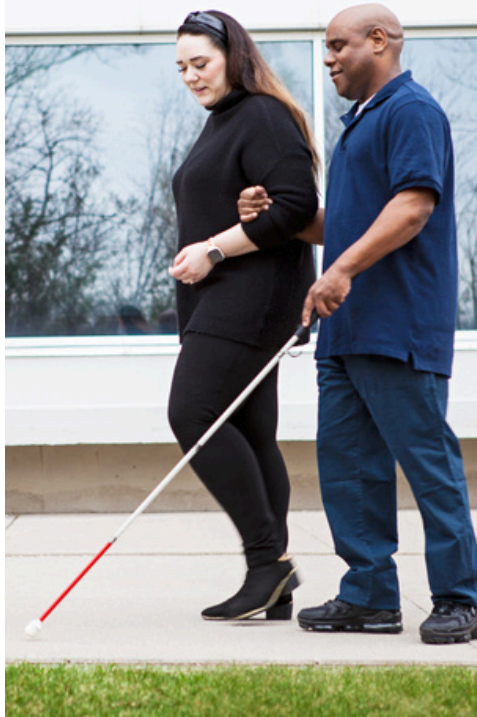


What is Deafblindness?

Fact check

When you think of the word “Deafblind”, you might imagine a world of total darkness and a complete lack of sound.

But in reality, most people who are Deafblind usually have some degree of vision or hearing.



Deafblindness describes a condition that combines hearing and sight loss. Deafblindness is a spectrum, which means that the degree of hearing and sight loss varies from person to person.

Types of Deafblindness

Congenital Deafblindness

is a term used if a person is born with sight and hearing loss.

Acquired Deafblindness

is a term used if a person experiences sight and hearing loss later in life.

Did you know? Anyone can become Deafblind at any time through illness, accident, or as a result of aging.



How do people who are Deafblind communicate?

The Deafblind community has a diverse population. Each person has varying degrees of combined vision and hearing loss, which means that everyone’s preferred communication is different.

Some people may rely on a single communication method, while others may use a combination.



Learn more

Visit us at deafblindservices.ca/resources

CNIB
DEAFBLIND
COMMUNITY
SERVICES