

Using Haptics to Inform Entering and Exiting a Room

Video Transcript

Haptics is a system of providing visual and environmental information to individuals who are deaf-blind via touch on the body. When in the presence of an individual who is deaf-blind, one must always identify themselves upon entering or leaving the room.

Here, Faith's teacher, Adriana, is letting Faith know she's there by placing her name signal on her arm. Adriana then trails her back to let Faith know she's walking behind her to a seat beside her. Faith recognizes Adriana immediately and says, "Hi Adriana."

Adriana informs Faith she is leaving the room using Haptics. Adriana uses her name signal and then the signal for leaving and walks out the door. Faith signs to Stacey, "Adriana just left."

Stacey informs Faith that she is going to the restroom using Haptics. Without having to interrupt Adriana and Faith's conversation, Stacey informs them she is running to the restroom using Haptics. She first provides her name signal followed by a "T" on both arms. She drags her finger from the front of Faith's arm towards the back to indicate she is leaving. Faith nods her head and informs Adriana that Stacey has left to go to the restroom.

T = Restroom or "Toilet"