

autism

is the world's fastest growing developmental disability.

People on the autism spectrum may:

- ✓ not understand what you say
- ✓ appear deaf
- ✓ be unable to speak or speak with difficulty
- ✓ engage in repetitive behaviors
- ✓ act upset for no apparent reason
- ✓ appear insensitive to pain
- ✓ appear anxious or nervous
- ✓ dart away from you unexpectedly
- ✓ engage in self-stimulating behaviors (i.e., hand flapping or rocking)

*For law enforcement or medical emergency personnel:
This individual may not understand the law, know
right from wrong, or know the consequences of his
or her actions.*



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Helpful hints for interacting with someone who has autism:

- ✓ Speak slowly and use simple language
- ✓ Use concrete terms
- ✓ Repeat simple questions
- ✓ Allow time for responses
- ✓ Give lots of praise
- ✓ Do not attempt to physically block self-stimulating behavior
- ✓ Remember that each individual with autism is unique and may act differently than others

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