

Language - A Guide

Avoid / Offensive

Preferred

Victim of	Person who has / Person with / - Person who experienced
Crippled by	Person who has, person with ...
Suffering from	Person with, person who has...
Afflicted by	Person who has, person with...
Wheelchair bound	Person who uses a wheelchair / - Wheelchair user
Invalid (= not valid)	Disabled person
Mental	Disabled person
Handicap	Disabled person
The disabled	Disabled people
The handicapped	Disabled people
Spastic	Cerebral Palsy
Deaf and dumb	Deaf or hearing impaired person
Cripple/crippled	Disabled person / - Mobility impaired person
The blind	Blind or visually impaired person
The deaf	Deaf people
Mentally handicapped, backward, dull	Learning difficulty
Retarded idiot, imbecile, feeble minded	Developmental impairment
Mute, dummy	Speech impairment
Crazy, maniac, insane	Emotional impairment
Mentally ill, mental patient	Person with a mental health impairment . - Survivor / user of mental health system
Abnormal	Different / disabled person
Patient	Person
Special needs	Individual needs
Special	Everyone is special !