

Red and white canes



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In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are <u>blue and underlined.</u> These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



The World Federation of the Deafblind works around the world to speak up for the **rights** of people with **deafblindness**.

Rights are the things that every person should have or be able to do, by law.

Deafblindness is a disability where you have a serious difficulty with both your hearing and your eyesight.

Deafblindness is a disability that is different from other disabilities.

We have written this Easy Read information to explain more about deafblindness.

Red and white canes







A **cane** is a long stick.

Blind people around the world use a white cane to help them know if there is anything near them that may cause them a problem.

The white cane also shows other people that they are blind.

People with deafblindness use a red and white striped cane.

We need more people to know about red and white canes.

Red and white canes are used in some countries, but not in others.

Alegria's story

Alegria is an older woman who lives in Spain.

You can click on this link to see a story where she explains about using a red and white cane:

www.shapes2020.eu/shapes-stories/ the-red-and-white-cane-obstaclesand-barriers

For more information



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