

People with Activity Limitations (En) Personnes à Performances Réduites (Fr)

Those people, of all ages, who are unable to perform, independently and without assistance, basic human activities or tasks - because of a health condition or physical / mental / cognitive / psychological impairment of a permanent or temporary nature.

[This definition is derived from the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability & Health \(ICF\), which was adopted on 22 May 2001.](#)

The above **Term**, in English and French, includes ...

- people who experience difficulty in walking, with or without a facilitation aid, e.g. stick, crutch, calliper or walking frame ;
- wheelchair users ;
- very young children (people under the age of 5 years) ;
- frail older people ;
- women in the later stages of pregnancy ;
- people who are visually and/or hearing impaired ;
- people who suffer from arthritis, asthma, or a heart condition ... or any partial or complete loss of language-related abilities, i.e. aphasia ;
- people who have a cognitive impairment disorder, including dementia, amnesia, brain injury, or delirium ;
- people impaired after the use of alcohol, other 'social' drugs e.g. cocaine and heroin, and some medicines ... or following exposure to environmental pollution and/or other irresponsible human activity, e.g. war or terrorism ;
- people who experience a panic attack in a real fire incident or other emergency ;
- people, including firefighters, who suffer incapacitation as a result of exposure, during a fire, to smoke and poisonous/toxic substances and/or elevated temperatures.

