



Older Individuals who are Blind – Technical Assistance Center

Sample Assessment Questions To be Used In-Person or by Phone

Starter Questions

- Please walk me through your day? What tasks are you having difficulty completing?
- Describe the location, lighting, etc. where you are attempting to do the (difficult) task?
- Which task is most important for you to be able to do more independently?
- Do you currently have any magnification aids? Do you use them? If so, for what tasks? Are they helpful?

Reading Questions

- What did you use to read?
- What do you want to read?
- Do you have prescription glasses?
- Do they have a bifocal?
- Do you wear them when you try to read?
- Describe the lighting in the area where you try to read.

Glare Questions

- Do you ever feel like you are squinting?
- Where is this happening, at the store, outdoors, etc.?
- Do you ever wear sunglasses?
- When?
- Have you tried different colors of sunglasses?
- Do you find that it is harder to locate steps or curbs in sunlight, or even on a cloudy day?

Lighting Questions

- Where can you see the best?

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- Where is the light in relation to what you are viewing?
- What type of light is it, window, ceiling lamp, table lamp, etc.?
- What type of light bulb is it, LED, standard incandescent, compact fluorescent, etc.?