

Pointing It Out Vocabulary

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RESPECT

- Talk directly to me, not to the person who is with me
- Talk to me like an adult
- Respect my feelings
- Respect my privacy
- I can make my own decisions
- I can hear and understand everything you are saying
- Please don't take this the wrong way, but...
- I'm sure you don't mean it, but...
- I would prefer if you...
- Could you please...
- Please, I need you to...

DEALING WITH A PROBLEM

- *State your opinion and what you want:*
 - Yes
 - No
 - Maybe
 - Sometimes
 - I agree
 - I don't agree
 - I don't know
 - I'm not sure
 - I'd like
 - I'd prefer
 - I like it when
 - I want
- *Be clear about the problem:*
 - I have a problem with that
 - I need to talk to you about something
 - Something is bothering me
 - When you do that, I feel...
 - When you don't do that, I feel...

- *Be clear about how important it is:*
 - This is important to me, I told you before
 - This isn't the first time...
- *State what you want to happen:*
 - I need you to...
 - Could you...
 - Can you...
 - Would you be willing to...
- *If appropriate, negotiate a solution:*
 - What do you need to happen?
 - What do you think?
 - How can we solve this?
 - Do you have any suggestions?
- *Monitor what happens:*
 - Let's try it for (state how long)
 - Let's meet again to see how it's going
- *State what you will do if the problem continues:*
 - I'll have to speak with the manager
 - I'll inform the board of directors
 - I'll see a lawyer

SEXUALITY

Please go to: http://www.accpc.ca/Speak_Up/site_map.htm for more information on sexuality and AAC users as this is a very large topic with too much to write in this list. Some important words/phrases could be:

- Unwanted touch
- Without permission
- List of body parts

EMERGENCIES

- I need help!
- This is an emergency
- Please call...(my transportation company, my family, my attendant, the police...etc.)
 - I feel unsafe
 - I don't know that person
 - Please stay with me