# Types of impairments

Impairments can be permanent, temporary, or situational. They can also be invisible.

## Vision impairments

* A person who is blind has a permanent vision impairment.
* A person with an eye injury has a temporary vision impairment.
* A person in a bright environment has a situational vision impairment.

## Hearing impairments

* A person who is deaf has a permanent hearing impairment.
* A person with an ear infection has a temporary hearing impairment.
* A person in a noisy room has a situational hearing impairment.

## Mobility impairments

* A person who is paralyzed has a permanent mobility impairment.
* A person with a broken arm has a temporary mobility impairment.
* A person carrying a large box has a situational mobility impairment.

## Cognitive impairments

* A person diagnosed as having dyslexia has a permanent cognitive impairment.
* A person with a concussion has a temporary cognitive impairment.
* A distracted driver has a situational cognitive impairment.

## Speech impairments

* A person with apraxia of speech has a permanent speech impairment.
* A person with laryngitis has a temporary speech impairment.
* A person with a heavy accent has a situational speech impairment.