

Breast screening for people with disabilities

We are committed to helping people with disabilities overcome barriers to breast screening. People with disability have the same risk of breast cancer as other eligible Victorians.

Most people with disability can have a breast screen (mammogram) but, for some, it may not be possible. You should talk to your doctor about breast screening to decide whether it is right for you.

You can bring someone with you to your breast screen appointment. Service and assistance animals are also welcome.

Are there other options if I cannot have a breast screen?

In some cases, your health condition or disability may prevent the radiographer from being able to position you for a complete breast screen. If you cannot have a complete breast screen, other tests such as ultrasound or clinical examination may be suitable. You should talk about these options with your doctor.

Where can I have a breast screen?

- Most clinics have wheelchair access. Some clinics offer appointments where an extra radiographer is available to assist.
- We can provide longer appointments if required. We will ask you about your needs when you book an appointment.
- Our mobile screening service vans visit metropolitan and rural areas and have wheelchair lifts.

How do I book an appointment?

- Call [13 20 50](tel:132050) or book online at breastscreen.org.au
- If you use a wheelchair or have other special needs, call [13 20 50](tel:132050) and we will help you find the most suitable clinic.

What if I need help communicating?

We can provide Auslan interpreter services at your breast screen appointment. Please let us know if you need an interpreter when you book.

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service. This is an Australia-wide telephone access service for people with hearing or speech impairments.

- **TTY users:** phone 13 36 77 then ask for 13 20 50
- **Speak and Listen users:** phone 1300 555 727 then ask for 13 20 50
- **Internet relay users:** connect to the National Relay Service then ask for 13 20 50

What if I have an intellectual disability?

If you have an intellectual disability, we encourage you to discuss breast screening with your doctor before making an appointment. We can work with support people or legal guardians to organise familiarisation visits and ensure people with intellectual disabilities are supported while having a breast screen.

Do you offer group bookings and familiarisation visits?

We can organise familiarisation visits and group bookings for people with disability. Please contact us for more information.



Book at
breastscreen.org.au
or call **13 20 50**

TTY **13 36 77** if you have hearing
or speech difficulties



For more information or to change your details,
visit **breastscreen.org.au** or call **13 20 50**



For interpreter assistance, call **13 14 50**



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