

## People with Cerebral Palsy

AS A RESULT OF INJURY TO THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, people with cerebral palsy (CP) have difficulty controlling their muscles.

Follow the previous guidance for interacting with persons who have speech disabilities.

Many people with CP have slurred speech and involuntary body movements.

Your impulse may be to discount what they have to say, based on their appearance.

Monitor your responses and interact with the person as you would with anyone else.

A person who may appear to be drunk, sick or have a medical emergency might in fact have CP or another disability.

Get the facts before acting on your first impression, whether the situation is business, social or law enforcement.