

Breast screening for people with disability



We want to help people with disability get breast checks.



People with disability can get breast cancer the same as other people.



Most people with disability can have a breast screen, some people with disability cannot.

A breast screen is also called a mammogram.



You can talk to your doctor to see if breast screening is okay for you.



You can bring someone with you when you have your breast screen.

If you need a service or assistance animal, you can bring them with you.



There are other ways to have a breast check if you cannot have a breast screen.

A radiographer is a person who has been trained to use a machine to do breast screens.



Sometimes, your health or disability might stop the radiographer from doing a full breast screen.

If this happens, other tests like ultrasound or a check-up might work.

An ultrasound is a machine that uses sound waves to see inside a person's body.



You can talk to your doctor about these choices.



Where can you go to have a breast screen?



- Most breast screen places have wheelchair access if you need it.
- We can give you more time to have your breast screen if you need it. We will ask about your needs when you book.
- Some places have extra staff like another radiographer if they are needed.



- Our mobile vans have wheelchair lifts and they go to city and country areas.



How do you book an appointment?

Call 13 20 50 or book online at breastscreen.org.au.



If you use a wheelchair or need extra help, call 13 20 50.

We will help you find the best clinic for you.

If you need help to communicate.



If you use Auslan we can get you support for this when you have breast screen. You can tell us if you need one when you book.



If you are deaf or need support to hear or speak, you can use the National Relay Service to contact us. This service helps people all over Australia.

Here are some numbers you can call if you are a:

TTY user:

phone **13 36 77** then ask for **13 20 50**

Speak and Listen user:

phone **1300 555 727** then ask for **13 20 50**

Internet relay user:

connect to the **National Relay Service** then ask for **13 20 50**



If you have an intellectual disability



If you have an intellectual disability you can talk to your doctor about having a breast screen before booking.



BreastScreen Victoria can help your support person or guardian to:

- book a breast screen
- go with you to when you have your breast screen.



Can you visit the breast screen place before your breast screen?

Yes, you can visit us to see where you will be and what will happen before you have your breast screen.



Can I come with a group?

Yes, if you have disability, you can have a group booking. You can ask us for more information about these visits.

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