



# Breast screening for women with disability

We provide free breast screening to women\* who are 40 and over and haven't noticed any changes to their breasts. Breast screening is most effective for women aged 50 to 74. A breast screen is an important regular health check, and most women aged 50 to 74 should have a breast screen every two years.


## Support for women with disability

**Our staff are trained to provide care for women with disability. We offer a range of supports for women with disability, such as:**


 **wheelchair access** at most service locations, including mobile screening vans


 **accessible (disability) parking** and drop off zones


 **access to Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN)** and language interpreters


 **easy to read information** about breast screening


**At your breast screening appointment:**

 you can bring a **support person** with you

 service and **assistance animals** are welcome

 we can modify the breast screen procedure to **best suit your mobility**

 we can provide a **longer appointment time**

 you can ask to **pause or stop at any time** during the screen

If you have a support person or legal guardian, we can work with them before and during your appointment to make you feel comfortable.



## Having a breast screen

To watch a short video (2:58) about what happens before, during and after a breast screen, scan the QR code or visit [www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au/having-a-breast-screen](http://www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au/having-a-breast-screen).



\* and gender diverse people who meet the eligibility criteria, as detailed at: [breastscreen.qld.gov.au/should-i-screen/who-can-have-a-breast-screen](http://breastscreen.qld.gov.au/should-i-screen/who-can-have-a-breast-screen)

## If you use a wheelchair or mobility aid

If you use a wheelchair or mobility aid, you can have your breast screen while seated. It is important that you can hold your head up and hold your arms clear of your chest.

Your wheelchair needs removable arms. Some Services may have a wheelchair like this that you can use. Please speak to us about this when making your appointment.

You will need to be able to **stand transfer** into a standard wheelchair.

### If you have mobility or movement needs, when you make an appointment, please let us know:



**if you use a mobility aid**, such as a walking frame, walking stick, cane or other aid



**if you use a wheelchair**, whether it is non-standard or if the chair's arms can be removed

## Consent

On the day of your breast screen, written consent must be received and witnessed by a BreastScreen Queensland staff member. For consent to be valid, it must be given by a competent adult or a legally authorised decision maker. A paid carer cannot sign consent on your behalf.

## If you're not sure if you can have a breast screen

Most women with disability can have a breast screen. However, some health conditions may mean screening is not possible. You can talk to our clinical nurses or to your doctor to decide if breast screening is right for you.

## How to book an appointment?

**To make an appointment, call us on 13 20 50.** You can also discuss any supports you need and find out which breast screening location will be best for you.

**Call 13 14 50 for a language interpreter.**

**If you are d/Deaf and use English**, are hard of hearing or have a speech communication difficulty, contact the National Relay Service (NRS) at [www.accesshub.gov.au](http://www.accesshub.gov.au) or use the numbers below. An NRS Relay Officer will then help you to contact us on **13 20 50**.

**TTY users: Phone 13 36 77**

**SMS relay: SMS 0423 677 767**

**Voice relay: Phone 1300 555 727**

## How we promote breast screening in the community

Contact your local Service by calling 13 20 50 to find out more about group bookings, free education sessions, displays at events or expos and BreastScreen Queensland resources.

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of BreastScreen Queensland. Please let us know what we are doing well and what we could improve, by emailing: [cssb@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:cssb@health.qld.gov.au)

For more information go to  
**[breastscreen.qld.gov.au](http://breastscreen.qld.gov.au)** or call **13 20 50**



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