Traveling with Physical Disabilities
This story is part of the *Access for All* program for people with disabilities at the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). This program can be used to assist you when you are flying to or from PHL.
Let's talk about physical disabilities!

Physical disabilities are permanent or temporary medical conditions that can limit someone's basic physical activities.

Examples:

Impact a person's balance, ability to stand, to climb stairs, or to walk.
Impact the ability to sit, reach, carry, or lift.
Some may need an assistive device (walker, cane, a reacher, wheelchair).
Physical conditions can also be hidden.

Each person, and each condition, is unique!
Do physical disabilities impact travel?

For some, physical disabilities impact their ability to travel, and they need some assistance. You can sometimes self-accommodate, but assistance is available when needed.

**Examples of Self-Accommodations**
- Comfort items (such as a blanket, footrest, travel pillow)
- Personal assistive device (such as cane, neck brace, wheelchair)
- Medical supplies (such as oxygen, incontinence or bathroom supplies)

**Examples of requested assistance**
- Wheelchair or guided assistance requested from your airlines
- Help through security from TSA Cares
- Guest pass available from the airlines
- Sunflower lanyard from an information booth
There are multiple transportation options to get to and from the airport.

- Car
- Taxi
- Shared Ride
- Private Wheelchair Transportation (Sarah Car Care)
- SEPTA Train
- SEPTA Bus
Put your medications and small medical related items in a carry-on bag. They will not be counted as a carry-on bag.

https://youtube.com/watch?v=P1ebivKv4dl&feature=share
Label your wheelchair and other items with your name, address, and phone number.
Plan to have items you will need for your disability while in the Airport or on the plane.

Examples:

Mobile device for Apps
Headphones
Bathroom supplies
Medications
Feeding supplies
Blanket
PHL provides some programs and services that are helpful for people with disabilities.

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Contact PHL ADA using the form at
https://www.phl.org/about/accessibility/ada
You can ask for a Hidden Disability Sunflower Lanyard from an information booth once you are past security.

Tip!

You do not need a Sunflower Lanyard to receive any PHL programs or services.
You will find information booths in every Terminal.
You can carry and use a communication card like this one.

https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/communication-access-card/
Airlines must provide wheelchair services and guides when needed.
You will find a ticketing area for each terminal in the Airport.

In ticketing, you get your boarding pass and check luggage that you are not carrying on to the plane.
You can obtain a wheelchair or guide in the ticketing area.
After ticketing, you will go through Security. This area is managed by TSA.
You can call TSA Cares for assistance through security or if you have questions about security.

Email TSA Cares
(855) 787-2227
Relay: 711
Call 72 Hours before your flight

TSA on the Job: Passenger Support Specialist - YouTube
Once you leave security you will make your way to your gate.
The Airport can become very full of people and noisy on busy days.
If you need assistance through security or the airport, you have options.

1. You can request a “guest pass” at ticketing to have someone you know assist you through security and to your gate. Not all airlines offer this, but many do!

2. Contact TSA Cares to ask for an assistant through security.

3. Call your airlines to request wheelchair assistance or an escort to go with you from ticketing, through security, and to your gate.
You can contact the PHL ADA Office if you need an accommodation while you are at PHL.

"Contact us" online
www.phl.org/about/accessibility/ada

Email: accessibility@phl.org
If you cannot stand for 10 minutes, contact your airline in advance for wheelchair assistance.
Contact your Airlines if you need a wheelchair or guided assistance through the Airport.

Air Canada  Jet Blue
Air Lingus    Lufthansa
Alaska Air    Qatar Airways
American Airlines  Southwest Airlines
British Airways  Spirit
Delta    Sun Country
Frontier   United

Nonstop PHL MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
Pick up your luggage after your flight.

Your luggage will be transferred from the plane to baggage claim areas.

Go to baggage claim to pick up your checked luggage.
You can learn more about accessibility at PHL by visiting https://www.phl.org/about/accessibility
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Thank you!