



Screening for women with disabilities

BreastScreen Victoria provides free breast screening for women aged 50-74 every two years. We are committed to equal access for women with disabilities.

Where can I have a breast screen?

- Most screening centres provide wheelchair access. Find out where your nearest accessible clinic is call **13 20 50**.
- Our **mobile screening service** vans visit outer metropolitan and rural areas and are equipped with wheelchair lifts.
- We can provide **longer appointment** times to meet your needs. We will ask you about your specific requirements when you book your appointment.
- Your carer, friend or family member is welcome to attend the appointment with you.
- We can liaise with local disability services to organise group bookings and familiarisation visits.
- Guide and assistance dogs are welcome at your appointment.

What if I need help communicating?

- We can provide Auslan interpreter services at the appointment.
- 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 who have 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.

It's your choice

Every woman needs to make their own decision about breast screening. In making this decision you may wish to discuss the benefits and limitations of screening and your individual circumstances with your doctor.

Women with intellectual disabilities

- Women with intellectual disabilities are encouraged to discuss breast screening with their doctor **before** making an appointment.
- We liaise with carers/support people or legal guardians to organise familiarisation visits and ensure women with intellectual disabilities are appropriately supported at screening.

What if I am not able to have a breast screen?

Some women with limited mobility are unable to be positioned appropriately for a complete breast screen. For women unable to have a complete breast screen other tests such as ultrasound or clinical examination may be more appropriate. You should discuss these options with your doctor.

More information

If you would like to discuss any concerns before your appointment, contact us by email or phone 13 20 50.

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