

Not recommended...

Autistic
 Birth defect
 Congenital defect
 Deformity
 Blind (the)

 Partially blind

 Brain damaged

 Confined to a wheelchair
 Wheelchair-bound
 Crippled; Lame

 Deaf (the)
 Deafened
 Hearing impaired

 Dumb; Mute
 Epileptic

 Fits; Spells
 Handicapped (the)
 Insane
 Crazy; Demented; Deviant Loony; Lunatic;
 Mad Maniac; Nuts; Psycho
 Invalid
 Mentally Retarded

 Normal; able-bodied
 Physically challenged; the disabled
 Special needs

Instead, say...

Person with autism
 Congenital disability
 Person with a congenital disability
 Person with a disability since birth
 Person with no vision
 Person who is blind
 Person with limited or low vision
 Person with a visual impairment
 Brain Injury
 Acquired brain injury
 Wheelchair-user
 Person who uses a wheelchair
 Person with mobility impairment
 Person who has arthritis, etc.
 Person who is deaf
 Hearing loss occurring late in life
 Person who is hard of hearing
 Person with a hearing impairment
 Person who is unable to speak
 Person who is non-verbal
 Epileptic Person with epilepsy
 Seizures
 Persons with disabilities
 Person with a mental health disability
 Person with a psychiatric disability

 Person with a disability
 Person with a developmental disability
 Person with an intellectual disability
 Non-disabled
 Persons with disabilities
 Equal access

Words to be avoided
afflicted with ... sufferer ... victim of...