



## “Your Roles and Responsibilities as an Orientation and Mobility Paraprofessional”

**Student safety** is the number one priority for orientation and mobility paraprofessionals.

Orientation and mobility paraprofessionals are responsible for:

- Guiding students using the techniques taught by the orientation and mobility teacher
- Monitoring students for safety throughout the school day – in classrooms, in special purpose rooms, in school hallways, on stairs, in elevators, and in the community - using the monitoring techniques established by the orientation and mobility teacher
- Encouraging students to use the techniques taught by the orientation and mobility teacher
- Following the travel routes established by the orientation and mobility teacher for daily school mobility
- Guiding students to safety during fire drills and emergency evacuations
- Communicating immediately with the classroom teacher and orientation and mobility teacher about any and all concerns regarding safety and student performance
- Assisting in orientation and mobility lessons, as requested by the orientation and mobility teacher
- Communicating with the orientation and mobility teacher on a regular basis regarding student mobility
- Working with the educational team for student safety and maximum independence
- Taking direction from the classroom teacher, O&M teacher, TVI, and site administration
- Respecting student confidentiality