

What's wrong
with you?





Language MATTERS

Because words shape how
we see each other

Conversation starter...

- Have you ever asked someone what's wrong with you, what happened to you or something similar?
- Have you been asked these questions and felt you had to answer?

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Think about...

- Many disabled people are asked this several times a week, mostly by strangers. This can be very confronting.
- It is no one's business but your own to share your personal medical history.
- However, the social expectation is that a question, asked politely, deserves a polite answer.



Next time...

- Next time you feel the need to ask someone 'what's wrong with you or what happened to you?' STOP and think about **why** you feel the need to know.
- The next time someone asks you 'what's wrong with you?' you could respond with "why do you ask?".



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