

EML502 Interactive Module

Week Six

Intro Script.

Meet Kwan.

- Kwan is a 22-year-old graphic designer who works at a small boutique design shop in Portland, Oregon. This is Kwan's first job out of college, and he hasn't been with the company long. Kwan is a robust, healthy young man who runs up to 25 miles every week. Kwan is also deaf. When he interviewed for the position, he brought an interpreter with him, as he didn't want to miss out on the job opportunity due to miscommunication. One of the owners was reluctant to hire him, however, Kwan insisted with email communication and other reasonable measures as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, that he would be able to fulfill the job duties. Reluctantly, the owner agreed because Kwan's portfolio was fantastic; he was by far the most qualified applicant. As this was the boutique's first time hiring an employee in need of accommodations, they are unprepared. There is a meeting set for next week to finalize any other accommodations necessary to provide Kwan with the most productive and accessible workplace possible.

Disaster Script

- It is a regular midweek workday, and Kwan is busy working at his desk. The other two cubicles near him are empty, however, he is so immersed in his project, he doesn't notice what is going on around him anyway. He takes a sip of water and goes back to the computer screen when suddenly, there is a loud boom in the front of the shop, near Kwan, and then everything goes black.
- When Kwan comes to, he is underneath a pile of rubble. He is unable to move his legs as they are trapped beneath the weight of debris. He tries to look around him but sees nothing and no one amidst the smoke. Kwan's world is filled with silence and he is quite disoriented.
- Shortly, firemen come rushing into the room and discover an injured Kwan. He registers their presence, sees their lips move, but due to the shock, is unable to read their lips or make any meaningful gestures. The world swirls around him, and he simply closes his eyes to block it all out. Suddenly thrust outside of his normal day-to-day adjustments to the hearing world, Kwan cannot communicate with the first responders, and they aren't able to ascertain the extent of his injuries.