

# **Assistive Devices for People with Hearing, Voice, Speech, or Language Disorders: NIDCD Fact Sheet**

This [fact sheet](#) from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) provides information on assistive devices for people with hearing, voice, speech, or language disorders:

- What are assistive devices?
- What types of assistive devices are available?
- What types of assistive listening devices are available?
- What types of augmentative and alternative communication devices are available for communicating face-to-face?
- What augmentative communication devices are available for communicating by telephone?
- What types of alerting devices are available?
- What research is being conducted on assistive technology?

The NIDCD maintains a directory of organizations that provide information on the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, and language. Visit the NIDCD website at [www.nidcd.nih.gov/directory](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/directory) to search the directory.

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