



Gifts under the tree



for someone with a hearing loss



While most people are familiar with hearing aids, cochlear implants and their benefits, there is a surprising lack of knowledge about assistive technology and the additional benefits they provide people with hearing loss. **These gifts are for children as well as adults. Starting early makes it just a part of their daily routine plus it begins to give the child with a hearing loss added independence.**

Assistive technology is simple to use, inexpensive and can benefit almost everyone with a hearing loss. Whether the hearing loss is mild or profound, person wears amplification or not, there is an assistive device out there today that can greatly improve quality of life. They solve some of the common problems that people with hearing loss face on a daily basis. Wouldn't it be nice to give someone you know with a hearing loss the solution to a problem they may have been struggling with on a regular basis?

WHERE TO FIND EQUIPMENT:

Assistive Living Devices (ALDs) can be purchased through companies such as Harris Communications, Maxi-Aids, or Hear More. They all have free catalogues that they are happy to send you or you can visit their websites.



Harris Communications

15155 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Voice: 800-825-6758

TTY: 800-825-9187

VP: 952-388-2152

Website:

www.harriscomm.com/

Maxi-Aids, Inc.

42 Executive Blvd.,
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Voice: 800-522-6294

TTY: 800-281-3555

Website:

www.maxiaids.com

Hear-More

42 Executive Blvd.
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Voice: 800-881-4327

TTY: 800-281-3555

VP: 631-752-1145

Website:

www.hear-more.com

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There are four main things to consider when customizing a signaling system...

1. Transmitters: Which event do you want to be notified of?

As a general rule, you will need to purchase one transmitter for each event you would like to be notified of. Some transmitters do work for more than one event.



Doorbell/
Door Knock



Sound



Phone/TTY/
Video Phone



Baby Cry



Fire/Carbon
Monoxide



Alarm Clock/
Timers



Motion/
Security



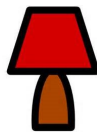
Pendant

2. Receivers: How many rooms do you want to be notified in?

For each room you want to be notified in, you will need to purchase a receiver. Some manufacturers also make portable receivers that you can bring with you wherever you go in your home.



Strobe



Lamp



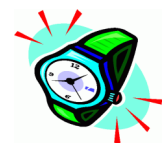
Bed Shaker



Horn/Audible



Pager



Watch

3. Compatibility: Make sure you purchase the same brand of signaling components (both transmitters and receivers)

4. Technology:

A. **Radio Frequency (RF) Technology** - sends a signal from your transmitters to your receivers through radio waves. It is ideal for both home use and for people who live in apartments, dorms or other types of public housing because built-in dip switches can be adjusted to ensure your system will not interfere with a neighboring system.

B. **Line Carrier Technology** - Sends a signal from your transmitters to your receivers through your home's electrical circuits. One of the advantages over RF is that you are no longer limited by distance.

- Taken from Harris Communications' Assistive Technology Guide -