

Signs of Hearing Loss

Recognizing the Signs of Hearing Loss

If you think someone you know might have a hearing loss, take a look at this list of common signs. Do any of the following sound familiar?

- ? They appear to hear people talk but have difficulty understanding some of the words
- ? They're constantly asking people to repeat themselves
- ? They have a hard time understanding women and children's voices
- ? They have a hard time understanding in a crowd
- ? It's hard for them to understand on the phone
- ? They favor one ear over the other
- ? They complain of a ringing sensation in one or both ears
- ? They often appear uncomfortable in social occasions they used to enjoy
- ? They seem withdrawn, depressed or irritable
- ? Other friends or family members have noticed their difficulty hearing

While a few "yes" answers don't automatically indicate a hearing loss, it does suggest the need for further evaluation.