

Deaf Awareness

There is a lot of help out there for the deaf and hard of hearing to make everyday communication a bit easier.

- You can register your mobile phone with the 999 text service.

If you are ever stuck in a position that you cannot raise the alarm by voice for an emergency or you share a home with a person who cannot hear well on the telephone if at all then this is for you.

Text the word 'REGISTER' to 999 (UK Only)

They will text back a short sentence asking you to send the word "YES" to 999 to complete your registration.

They will then text back confirmation that you have registered.

This is a free service.

For more information watch a signed video [here](#)



- You can get your phone to flash at you when you have a notification

Flashing mode is available on most smart phones

iphones – Settings > Accessibility > Audio/Vision > LED flash. Your phone torch will flash when being called or receiving a text.

Android – Settings > Accessibility > Advance Settings > Flash Notifications and opt for Camera Flash. Some Samsung phones have screen flash settings too.

Just make sure you switch your phone off when you're in the cinema!

- Voice to text.

Most hand held devices have this option. So if you are able to talk and want to communicate with a person who is hard of hearing, you can use this to aid communication.

Simply speak into your phone clearly, with short and simple sentences, and it will write it out as text for the person you are trying to communicate with to read.

Google also has this function!

