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One in six Australians has some form of hearing impairment. In Australia, hearing loss is more prevalent than all national health priorities except musculoskeletal conditions. This means hearing loss is more common than cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, asthma, cancer and mental health.¹

¹ Access Economics: Listen Hear! The economic impact and cost of hearing loss in Australia, February 2006

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You are responsible for your hearing: look after it.

Wear earplugs or earmuffs when using home handyman equipment, mowing the lawn or using a leaf blower.

Protect children from excessive and dangerous noise levels – watch out for noisy toys.

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Captioning is available on many DVDs, videos and on many television programs.

The National Relay Service (NRS) is a phone service for people who are Deaf or have a hearing impairment. You can also use Internet Relay on your computer.

Hearing aids, cochlear implants and Auslan (Australian sign language) are all ways you can improve communication if you are Deaf or have a hearing impairment.

Assistive listening systems such as hearing loops, infrared and FM systems can be fitted in specific rooms in the house.

Many devices are available to help around the home such as special alerts for the telephone, door, alarm clock, baby cry alarms and smoke detectors.

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