

## Telephones

If you have enough hearing, it may be possible to use an adapted telephone. There are several features that may help you.

- **Voice Amplification**  
This allows you to amplify the caller's voice or your own voice.
- **Ringers**  
You may find it easier to hear some ringing tones than others. Amplified ringers are also available.
- **Hearing Aid Compatibility**  
Some telephones are designed to be compatible with hearing aids. They may have an "inductive coupler" for this purpose. Setting your hearing aid to the T position should enable you to hear better.
- **Large buttons**  
If you have problems seeing standard size buttons, there are several phones with large buttons available. Some of these also include a volume control and speech amplification.

## Other products to use with an existing telephone


Instead of changing your existing telephone, you may like to keep it and use some of the following.

- **Extension bells**  
Ringers for your phone that are louder than standard ringtones. Some can be positioned away from the phone in other rooms or outside.
- **Visual Call Indicators**  
These are flashing lights, which can be separate units, or wired in to make an existing table lamp or overhead lights flash.
- **Telephone couplers**  
These amplify the sounds from your telephone. Different versions are suitable for hearing aid users and for those who do not wear a hearing aid.

If you find that none of these options is suitable, you may need to consider using a [textphone](#).

## More information

The RNID produces [a factsheet about telephones](#), including information about suppliers.

<a href="#">Product</a>	<a href="#">Supplier</a>	<a href="#">Product code</a>	<a href="#">Price</a>	<a href="#">Price</a>	<a href="#">Postage</a>
 <a href="#">Phone Easy 312</a> This wall mountable modern looking big buttoned telephone has a light to indicate an incoming call and a large caller ID screen.	RNID	T383		Free	
 <a href="#">Mybelle 650 picture telephone</a> This is an easy to dial, big button telephone with very high amplification. It has a wide range of features	RNID	T371		Free	
 <a href="#">Geemarc big button phones</a> An easy to dial big button telephone with volume and tone adjustment and an added benefit of a very bright light to alert you to incoming calls.	Sarabec	CL-100/200		Free	