

Deafblindness in older people

As people get older, hearing and sight loss can occur. And for a small minority of people, problems can occur with both of these senses. This is often seen as an inevitable part of growing old. But a lot can be done to help.

Challenges

The combined loss of both sight and hearing can have a profound effect upon people's lives, including:

- difficulties with communication
- isolation
- loss of independence.

However, with the right support, older people can enjoy life again.

There are various sources of help available, which are adaptable to meet the needs of the individual. There are also practical ways in which people can make the most of the limited sight and hearing that they have.

Find out more about [Sense's Fill in the Gaps campaign](#) for older people with hearing and sight difficulties.

Further information

- [Read our factsheet about hearing and sight loss in older people](#)

- [More publications about about the services for older people](#)

Information about hearing and sight loss in later life and support for older people.

- [Talking Sense magazine articles on older people](#)

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