

Causes of deafblindness

When someone is born with combined sight and hearing difficulties this is called congenital deafblindness. Examples of this include conditions such as Rubella or CHARGE.

If they develop these problems later in life, this is called acquired deafblindness. This may be due to an accident, illness or as a result of ageing in later life.

In some cases, people may be born with a genetic condition such as Usher Syndrome, which may mean that they progressively lose their sight and hearing.

- [Deafblindness in older people](#) As people get older, hearing and sight loss can occur. This is often seen as an inevitable part of growing old. But a lot can be done to help.
- [CHARGE syndrome](#) This page gives information about CHARGE syndrome, its name and Sense's services for those affected.
- [Usher syndrome](#) Information about Usher syndrome, including the different types.
- [Other causes of deafblindness](#) Further information about rare syndromes and causes of deafblindness.

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