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10 Warning Signs of Hearing Loss



Hearing Loss is an invisible disability; you may not even be aware that you or your friend has hearing loss. A basic knowledge of the warning signs of hearing loss can help you succeed in dealing with this disability. When detected early, hearing loss can be properly treated. Here are 10 warning signs of hearing loss:

Does someone you know seem to:

1. Slur his/her words or drop word endings?
 - a. This may be the result of him/her not hearing correctly.

2. Easily tire when listening to a conversation or a speech?
 - a. This may be the result of straining to hear.

3. Be indifferent in normal conversation?
 - a. A person may become depressed or disinterested when he/she can't hear what others are saying.

4. Feel social rejection and loneliness?

5. Be marked by irritability or false pride?

6. Miss social cues?
 - a. Example scenario: In a group setting, someone makes a comment or joke that causes everyone to laugh, but the person in the group with hearing loss does not even hear the joke. When he/she sees everyone all of a sudden laughing, he/she may easily conclude that the group is making fun of him. This can contribute to feelings of paranoia, frustration, and loneliness.

7. "Hog" a conversation?

8. Struggle academically?

9. Have a default stance of suspicion towards others?

10. Display patterns of indecision, procrastination, and non-participation?

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