

B Communication with Hearing-Impaired Customers

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A worker must acknowledge a hearing-impaired customer with a gesture such as a nod, wave, etc. to show the customer that they have the worker's attention. The following items are tips on how to communicate with a customer who is hearing impaired:

- Do not speak loudly or yell
- Use visual aids when possible, such as pointing to printed information on a document
- When communicating by writing notes, keep in mind that some individuals who use sign language may lack good English reading and writing skills
- When someone with a hearing impairment cannot understand you, write a note asking what communication aid or service is needed
- Use gestures to help with communicating

Contact the relevant interpreting service provider from the list of statewide [Sign Language Interpreters](#).

See also [American Sign Language \(ASL\) Pilot Project](#).