

Can a hearing loop be used by someone without a hearing aid?

Yes, there are headset receivers available. They are not as convenient to use as a hearing aid with a built-in t-coil and are not fine-tuned to suit individual patterns of hearing, but can still be helpful to people with hearing loss who do not wish to wear hearing aids on a regular basis.

Where can hearing loops be used?

Hearing loops have almost infinite applications. They can be used in theaters, auditoriums, churches, classrooms, at ticket counters, drive-thru windows, banks, doctor's offices, pharmacies, and even with home TVs.

Where are hearing loops installed?

In the vicinity, there are hearing loops in several locations including UCSB's Campbell Hall, the Lobero Theatre, the New Vic as well as several places of worship and retirement communities. For a comprehensive list visit our website.

Hearing loops are widely accepted across the UK and Scandinavia where you can find them in virtually every place where information is verbally communicated.

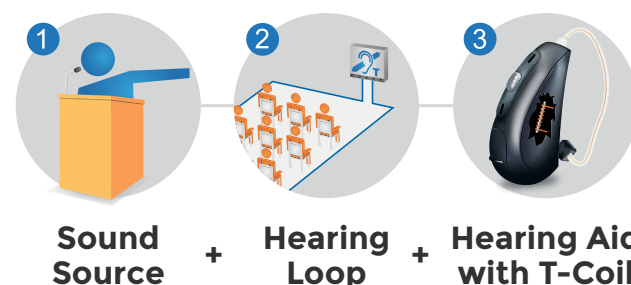
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Making Santa Barbara one of the most hearing accessible cities in California.



= Equal Access for the Hearing Impaired

Are you interested in seeing more hearing loops in your community? Contact us to become a volunteer!



Approximately 20% (48 million) of American adults have some form of hearing loss in at least one ear, making it the most prevalent form of disability in the United States.

The goal of the Let's Loop Santa Barbara campaign is to obtain equal access for individuals with hearing loss by promoting the usage of hearing loop technology.



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What is a Hearing Loop?

Hearing Loops are the only assistive listening system to send clear, pure sound directly to hearing aids. They are the international standard for universal hearing access.

Hearing Loop systems take sound straight from the source and deliver it right into the listener's hearing aid without extraneous noise or blurring. To them, it sounds like the speaker is right in their head. It turns their hearing aids into wireless earphones that broadcast sound customized for their hearing loss.

How do you use a Hearing Loop?

All the user needs to do is switch his or her hearing aid to the "T", telephone, or hearing loop program. All but the very smallest modern hearing aids tend to be supplied with an internal t-coil. However, it may not have been enabled when the device was initially programmed. If the user is not sure whether his or her hearing aid has a t-coil and/or does not know how to access the T program, his or her audiologist or hearing aid specialist will be able to advise.

How a Hearing Loop works:

