



WASHINGTON RELAY

What is Washington Relay?

Washington Relay is a public service providing access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through the telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing or speech disabled, can communicate on the telephone via TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Spanish-to-Spanish and Captioned Telephone in order to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

How does Washington Relay work?

Simply dial 711 or the appropriate toll-free number provided to connect with Washington Relay. A qualified Relay Operator (RO) will ask for the area code and number of the person you wish to call and begin the relay call. Generally, the RO will voice the typed message from the text telephone (TTY) user to you. The RO relays your voiced message by typing it to the TTY user.

Specialized Services:

Washington Relay offers specialized services for individuals who are speech disabled and for Spanish speaking residents. Specially trained ROs are on hand to assist in these types of calls by dialing the associated number provided. Since Washington Relay offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed or call Washington Relay Customer Care for more detailed instruction on how a particular call is processed.

Captioned Telephone Service:

CTS is also available and ideal for individuals with hearing loss who are able to speak for themselves. A captioned telephone works like any other telephone with an essential difference: it allows users to listen to their phone conversations while reading word-for-word captions on the screen.

Access to Services:

All calls are toll-free and provide access to the same relay services. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 711 to reach Washington Relay, please call Washington Relay Customer Care.

All TRS and English Captioned Telephone services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish Captioned Telephone is available daily from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. PST. Consumers may place relay calls to English and Spanish speaking persons within Washington, across the United States and even internationally. By law, each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality.

To place a call using Washington Relay, dial 711 or one of the toll-free numbers below:

TTY/Hearing Carry Over (HCO): 800-833-6388

Voice: 800-833-6384

Voice Carry Over (VCO): 800-833-6386

Speech-to-Speech: 877-833-6341

TeleBraille: 800-833-6385

Spanish TTY: 877-833-6399

Spanish Voice: 877-833-6398

Customer Care Information:

800-974-1548 V/TTY

Email: WARelay@HamiltonRelay.com

Outreach Services:

Email: AskWashingtonRelay@dshs.wa.gov

Web: www.WashingtonRelay.com

Captioned Telephone

Customer Service: 888-269-7477

To call a Captioned Telephone user, dial:

711 or 877-243-2823

Telecommunication Equipment Device Program

The Washington Telecommunication Equipment Device program offers specialized equipment to eligible individuals in Washington who are deaf, DeafBlind or are speech disabled. For more information you can visit www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/telecommunication-equipment-distribution or call 800-422-7930 (Voice/TTY) or 360-339-7382 (VP).

Emergency Calls

During an emergency, call or text 911 (where available) or call your local emergency service TTY number directly, without using relay. Do not call 711. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that 911 centers have a TTY and be prepared to handle emergency calls placed in this manner. Washington Relay will make every effort to assist you in an emergency. However, it is important to understand that relay centers are **not** 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.