

SAFETY AT HOME: ADAPTED & SPECIALTY TELEPHONES

There are several different types of telephones, accessories, and adaptations that can be helpful if you are blind or have low vision:

- **Large Print or "Big Button" Telephones** have large black numbers on a white background, or large white numbers on a black background. Cordless large print telephones can be carried from room to room.
- **Amplified Large Print Telephones** increase volume 20+ decibels. Some models increase volume up to 40+ decibels. Both models have bright visual ring flashers and an adjustable volume ringer.
- **Amplified Talking Telephones with Braille** have 10 programmable buttons (also with braille) for frequently dialed numbers and three emergency buttons. Increase volume up to 37+ decibels and announce each number as it is dialed.

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- **Voice Activated Phone Dialers** connect to any phone and enable voice-activated dialing. They can recall and dial up to 60 names and phone numbers.
- **Talking Caller ID** has voice announce, call waiting, volume control, and audio review of the last 10 calls. It also has a digital readout.
- **Large Print Telephone Push Button Number Stickers** have 3/4" by 3/4" bold black numbers on a white background. They are also available in white numbers on black, black numbers on yellow, and yellow numbers on black.

Note: Whenever possible, try to select your own telephone instead of asking a family member or friend to select it for you.

Also, telephone technology changes frequently, and a specific telephone may change or be updated at any time.

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