

Home Modifications for Hearing Impaired: Checklist

Assistive Listening Systems

- Install Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) in the home

Alarm Clocks

- Utilize smartwatch or wearable alarms

Pillow Shaker

- Sync alarms with a pillow shaker

Automated Systems

- Use smart home devices to set schedules and timers

Smoke Detectors

- Choose smoke detector with visual strobe feature and/or watch and phone integration

Carbon Monoxide Detector

- Choose carbon monoxide detector with visual strobe feature and/or watch and phone integration

Appliances

- Maintain repairs so appliances don't cause unnecessary noise
- Keep on flat surface so appliances don't rattle/rumble

Faucet

- Find ones that turn off when not in use: spring-loaded, smart faucets, motion sensor

Weather Threats

- Set closed-captioned alerts on TV
- Choose weather radio with EXT alert jack

Security Systems

- Purchase motion lights for indoor/outdoor use
- Install deaf video relay service

Doorbells

- Find flashing-light doorbell options
- Connect smart doorbell to phone/watch for vibrate alerts

Phone

- Purchase captioned phones

Room Layout

- Design with open floor plan
- Arrange furniture in circular/horseshoe shape
- Purchase moveable/swivel furniture

Colors and Decor

- Maintain simple, clutter-free design
- Use only warm and neutral colors