







At Accessible Hearing Aids, nothing is more rewarding to us than improving our patients' hearing through our state-of-the-art technology and individual hearing plans. Dr. Joe "Tripp" Griffith, III, is a certified audiologist who addresses all types of hearing concerns and ensures you get the hearing help you deserve. Our goal is to bring the most important sounds of life and home back to you and your family.





Hearing Loss can Develop at Any Age

There is a common misconception that hearing loss does not affect individuals who are younger than 65, but this is not true. Hearing loss can develop at any age and may be caused by many different factors. Did you know that there are three types of hearing loss?

Sensorineural Hearing Loss occurs when the inner ear or the hearing nerve itself becomes damaged. This is the most common type of hearing loss and is a result of aging, exposure to loud noise, injury, disease, ototoxic drugs, or an inherited condition. Typically, this type is not medically or surgically treatable, however most people benefit from the use of hearing aids.

Conductive Hearing Loss occurs in the outer or middle ear where sound waves are not able to carry all the way through to the inner ear. Often sound is blocked by earwax or a foreign object in the ear canal. The middle ear may also be impacted by fluid and infection, or the eardrum may be injured. Medical or surgical intervention may reverse conductive hearing loss, otherwise, hearing aid use is recommended.

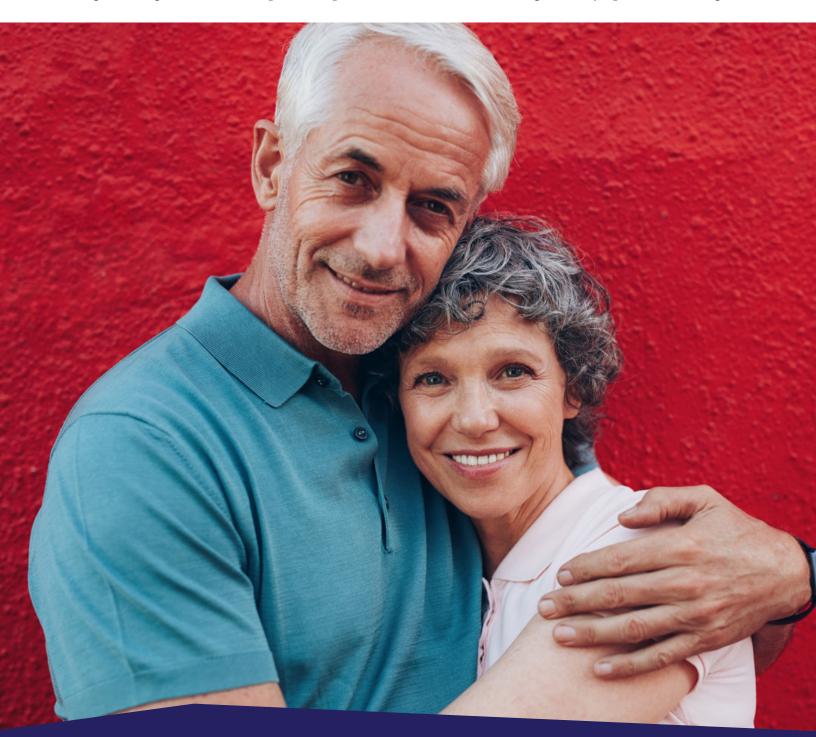
Mixed Hearing Loss is a combination of sensorineural and conductive hearing loss.



Do You Know You Have Hearing Loss?

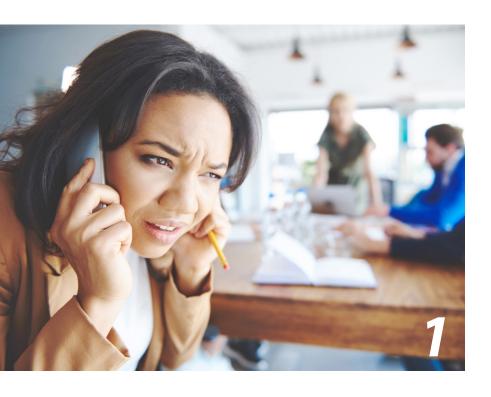
90% of hearing loss occurs because the delicate hair cells in the inner ear are irreparably broken or do not otherwise function properly, this means that the brain is not receiving all of the information it should from the ears and you can begin to misinterpret what is being said.

Although hearing loss varies from person to person, there are 10 common signs and symptoms of hearing loss.





10 Common Signs and Symptoms of Hearing Loss



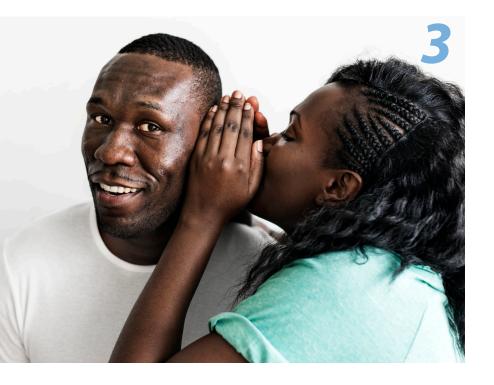
Difficulty hearing on the telephone

Hearing loss can make everyday activities like talking on the phone very challenging. Some individuals who experience hearing loss begin to avoid answering or making calls. However, there are options, like amplified phones, that can help make talking on the phone easy again. Amplified phones have features that allow for volume control, as well as make it easier to hear high-pitched noises.

Finding that some sounds seem too loud or too soft.

Sensorineural hearing loss not only makes sounds quieter, but it jumbles sounds too. This is a result of permanent damage to the sensory cells of a person's inner ear. This damage causes the loss of ability to detect high-frequency sounds.





Asking people to repeat themselves often.

Do you every feel stressed from straining to hear what someone else is saying? Or feel annoyed with others because you can't understand what they are saying? Have you ever withdrew from social situations to avoid the difficulty and confusion you experience? Group settings or speaking to multiple people at a time can be difficult for those beginning to suffer from hearing loss. In these instances, it can be both frustrating and embarrassing having to ask someone to repeat themselves over and over again. However, this is a very common occurrence for those with hearing loss. And

Difficulty hearing people speaking when there is noise in the background.

Noisy settings can difficult to navigate when you are trying to listen to someone speak. Loud background noise masks the finer sounds of speech, which makes it difficult for even those with normal hearing to hear. Our brains are not always able to separate speech from background noise. However, hearing aids use incredible technology to identify and separate what is speech and what is noise. Hearing aids prioritize and amplify speech over other noise detected.







Difficulty following a conversation when two or more people talk at once.

People with hearing loss may want to avoid group conservations. It is difficult to listen to multiple voices speaking at once and catch everything that is being said. There can be too much incoming information, that your brain is unable to make sense of the few things you are able to hear. Asking everyone in the group to talk one at a time can help you manage the situation better.

Finding that most people seem to mumble or not speak clearly.

Those who experience hearing loss often experience trouble understanding what others are saying, even if they can hear the words being said. This is because hearing and understanding are different and it takes your brain different levels of effort to hear sounds and then to process them.







Misunderstanding what others say and responding inappropriately.

Difficulty understanding speech occurs even to people who have "normal" hearing. If a person is concentrating on another activity, the brain may be too occupied in one area to assign meaning to any sounds it hears.

Difficulty understanding the speech of women and children.

Voices of women and children fall into the category of high frequency sounds. Typically, high-pitched noises are the first sounds to be lost for those with hearing loss. This is why you may find it difficult to understand women and children when they speak.







Turning the TV volume up until other complain it is too loud.

Those who experience hearing loss may find themselves trying to compensate for the sounds they cannot hear, especially if they are not aware that they have hearing loss. Therefore, many people will increase the volume of their television, radio, and other devices to make up for the loss.

Frequently hearing ringing, roaring, or hissing sounds.

Tinnitus is a common symptom of hearing loss. Most with hearing loss will experience a constant ringing, bussing, or hissing sound. Tinnitus is associated with high-frequency hearing loss and impacts over 50 million Americans a year.





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We Make Hearing Accessible

Dr. Joe "Tripp" Griffith, III, delivers Audiology services direct to you at your place of residence or business, etc. on site with our advanced, portable audiological equipment.

Our Services Include:

- Hearing Tests
- Hearing Aid Repairs
- Hearing Aid Sales
- Tinnitus Evaluation and Management
- Custom Hearing Protection



The Benefit of In-Home Care

What better place to check your hearing than in your own home, surrounded by everything that is important to you. By taking a comprehensive look at how you hear in your home and living environment, Dr. Griffith can help you gain better access to your television, telephone, and/or mobile devices and optimize your hearing aid success.

You're just a phone call away from the hearing help you need and deserve.

To take advantage of our mobile services, call us at (504) 738-4557 or email joe@accessiblehearingaids.com to schedule an appointment today!