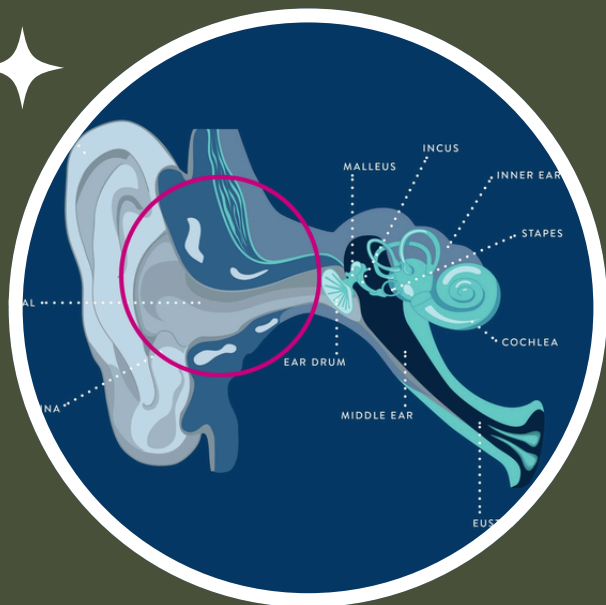




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HEARING LOSS:

What You Need to Know



What Is Hearing Loss?

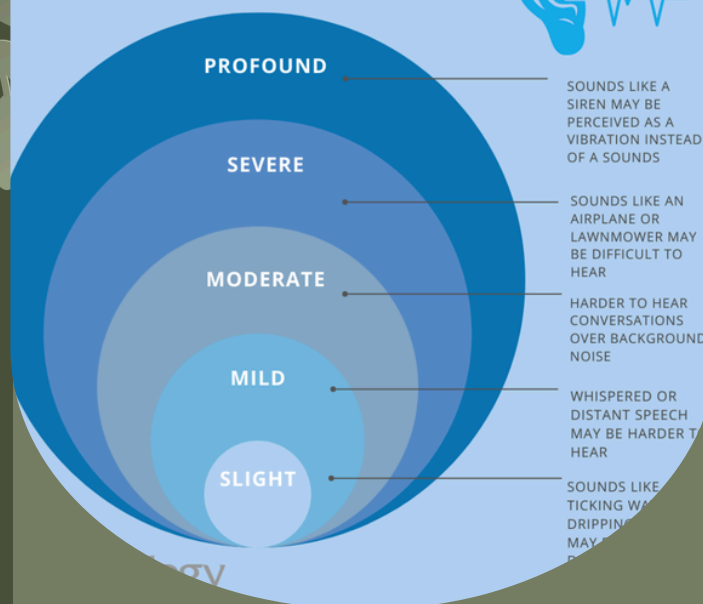
Hearing loss happens when a person cannot hear as well as normal. It can affect anyone babies, children, and adults.

It may make it hard to:

- Talk with friends and family
- Enjoy music or TV
- Hear important sounds like alarms or phones

Some people with hearing loss may feel frustrated or left out.

DEGREES OF HEARING LOSS EXPLAINED



Stay Connected, Stay Healthy

Taking care of your hearing helps you stay connected to the world around you. Protect your ears and seek help if you notice changes in your hearing!

Why Early Detection Matters

Finding hearing loss early can help:

- Improve learning in school
- Support communication
- Make daily life easier

What Causes Hearing Loss?

Common causes include:

- Loud noises (like concerts or headphones at high volume)
- Aging
- Ear infections
- Injuries to the ear

Did You Know?

- Over 430 million people worldwide have hearing loss needing treatment (World Health Organization)
- About 1 in 8 people in the U.S. aged 12+ has hearing loss

What Is Hearing Loss?

There are three main types:

1. Sensorineural Hearing Loss
 - Damage to the inner ear or nerves
 - Often permanent
2. Conductive Hearing Loss
 - Sound cannot pass through the outer or middle ear
 - Sometimes treatable
3. Mixed Hearing Loss
 - A combination of both types

Treatment and Support

Some types of hearing loss can be treated with:

- Medicine
- Surgery

Other options to help people hear better:

- Hearing aids
- Cochlear implants
- Assistive listening devices

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