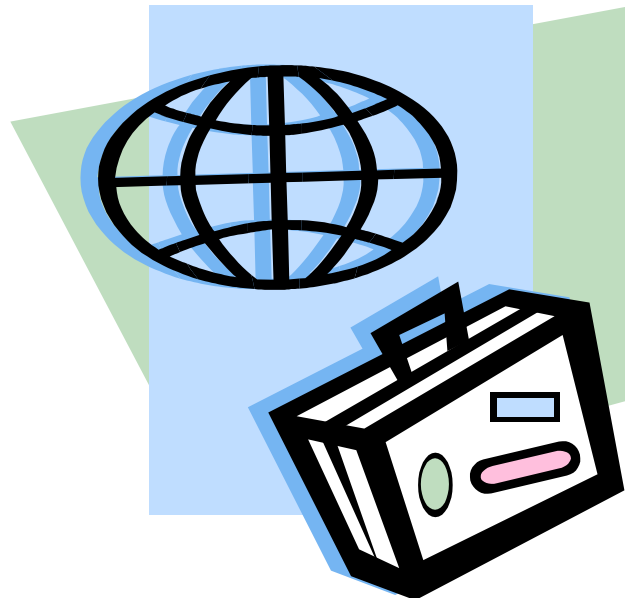


Traveling with a Hearing Loss

Tips to make your travel safer and
more enjoyable.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY
Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Physician _____
Phy Phone _____
Other Information _____

SEE OTHER SIDE

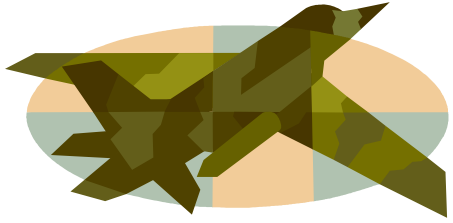
Safety

- Consider wearing medical ID jewelry – for CI users, should indicate “Cochlear Implant—NO MRI” .
http://www.giftofhearingfoundation.org/help_GOHF/medi-alert.htm
- Bring your CI mapping/hearing aid settings, phone number of CI company.
- Carry Emergency Medical ID card in your wallet and all insurance information - including the fact that you wear hearing aids/CI.
- Make copies of all important documents, including list of medications, and leave with a responsible person and/or on your computer. Bring copies and keep separate from the original documents.



Assisted Listening Devices

- FM System for tours
- Pocketalker or other personal amplifier
- Vibrating travel alarm clock
- Hearing aid accessories such as Streamers, ComPilot, Zoom Link, FM boot. Don't forget the chargers.
- Neckloop and headphones.
- Pen and pad of paper!



Traveling by Plane

- Self-identify, self-identify, self-identify!
- Request pre-boarding.
- Sign up for flight change alerts by text or email.
- Check your airline for the Disability 800 Number.
- Schedule a personal assistant to help you through security, if needed.
- Do not sit in the exit row.
- Leave your hearing technology in place when going through security.
- Bring all your hearing accessories onto the plane – do not put in checked baggage.
- Some airlines have a VIP Baggage service. They will deliver your luggage to your hotel within 4 hours of arrival.

Airport Visual Paging



Nice idea, but really wouldn't be much help unless you were standing right there and expecting a page.

Hearing Loops in Airports



Gerald Ford International Airport
Grand Rapids Michigan-USA



Gerald Ford International
Airport, Grand Rapids,
Michigan



David Myers, (right) "Father of
Hearing Loops" Hope College,
Holland, Michigan

www.hearingloop.org

Hearing Loops



NYC Taxis



NYC Subway Ticket Booths



Traveling by Train or Bus

- Self-identify, self-identify, self-identify!
- Use a GPS to help you know when you are near your stop.
- Ask passengers to let you know when you arrive at your stop.
- If conductor or bus driver changes, self-identify again.



Traveling by Car

- Bring an FM system or Pocketalker with lapel microphone.
- Get an extra wide rear-view mirror.
- Bring a car charger for your cell phone and other rechargeable devices.
- Hearing loops can be installed in cars using chairpad and lapel microphone.



Hotel Stay

- Self identify! Self identify! Self identify!
- ADA Kit should be available - reserve it ahead of time.
- Consider not double latching the door.
- Closed captioning on TV.
- Bring vibrating alarm clock.
- Bring converters and adapters to charge your devices if traveling overseas.
- Be sure the power doesn't go out when you leave the room.

Hotel Kit



- May include the following items:
- TTY (Text Telephone)
 - Multifunction Alerting System with All-in-One Unit Functions: Telephone, Doorbell, Alarm Clock, Sound Monitor
 - Remote Receiver
 - Telephone Handset Amplifier
 - Smoke Detector



Deaf Travel

<http://www.deafcruisevacation.com/> - Marlee Matlin is going on this cruise!

<http://www.passagesdeaftravel.com/>

<http://greatdeafvacations.com/>

You can find tour operators and travel agents for the Deaf/hard-of-hearing.



What to Pack

- Noise-canceling, large cup headphones that fit over hearing aids, perfect for listening to music and watching movies on the plane
- Neckloop or wire to connect streaming device to audio jack on airplane.
- E-reader, a must on long trips, especially when the movies are boring or difficult to understand
- Portable dry-aid kit for hearing aids (A zip-lock bag with desiccants works, too!)
- Shake-awake, useful when jet-lagged and/or hearing spouse is too tired to respond to audible alarm.
- Spare glasses (gotta see to hear)
- Backup hearing aids, spare batteries and hearing aid cleaning brush/battery remover
- Assisted Listening Devices



Discussion

- Do you have any travel ideas?
- Do you have any travel “horror stories” to share?

Bon Voyage!