

Hearing Impaired Victims

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Frequently used Terms used for the Hearing Impaired

ASL – American Sign Language

TTY – Text Telephone

TDD – Telecommunication device for deaf

Closed Captioned – A display of text on television

Deaf – A person with profound hearing loss and who uses sign language

Hard of Hearing – A person with hearing loss who communicates through speaking and lip reading.

Hearing Impaired – A general term to describe any deviation of hearing loss.

Residual Hearing – The hearing that remains after a

Community Resources & Interpreting Services

www.dsc.org

DEAF SERVICES CENTER

Serving Ohio's Deaf, Hard of Hearing
& Hearing Communities

Phone **614-841-1991 v/tty**
VP **614-515-6065**

Services they provide:

Interpreting Services – 24 hours a day

They serve deaf and hard of hearing individuals in 15 counties throughout Central and Southeastern Ohio.

C-Print Program

Helpful Links:

ASADV – Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Victims

<http://asadv.org/>

Community & Court Interpreters of Ohio

<http://www.ccio.org/>

Greenleaf Family Center – Counseling/Education/Support

www.greenleafctr.org

DWAVE

Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere

www.dwave.ohio.org

Phone **614-670-8796**
VP **614-678-5476**

Services they provide:

Community, legal and social services advocacy for survivors of sexual or relationship violence

24-Hr advocacy for survivors of sexual assault in hospital emergency rooms

Education & Outreach with Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing communities

Abuse of the Hearing Impaired is done in many ways including:

- Intimidation
- Emotional Abuse
- Isolation
- Minimize/Deny/Blame
- Using Children
- Male/Hearing Privilege
- Economic Abuse
- Coercion Threats

Things an abuser might do to someone who is hearing impaired:

- Not tell you when someone calls for you.
- Exclude you from important calls and conversations.
- If you call police, he may act as your interpreter so that he has control of the situation.
- Overuse floor stomping and pounding to get your attention.
- Control who you communicate with.
- Taking advantage of the lack of deaf services available to you and moving you away from any that might be there.
- Not allowing hearing children to communicate with you using ASL.
- Not allowing you to have access to the Deaf community.
- Throwing objects to get your attention.
- Telling you no one will believe you.
- Signing close to your face when angry.
- Make fun of your speaking skills.
- Put you down and say you're not good enough because you're deaf.

