

**Fire Safety for the  
Hearing Impaired  
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## New Zealand Fire Service Recommends

- The best type of smoke alarms for the Hearing Impaired and d/Deaf are:

Interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms fitted with bed-shakers/strobe lights/pagers or a combination of these but the costs may be prohibitive

- Visit the web address below for information on what devices are currently available for people who are Hearing Impaired or d/Deaf and where to go for assessment on whether funding assistance is available

<http://www.fire.org.nz/Fire-Safety/Fire-Safety-advice/Pages/DeafandHearingImpaired.aspx>

- Contact your local Fire Station if you wish to have assistance with regards to the best locations for placing smoke alarms. The staff at your nearest Fire Station will be able to assist free of charge

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**The Ministry of Health funds Accessable and Enable NZ to provide Hearing Assistive Technology.**

### **Accessable**

Freephone: 0508 001 002  
info@accessable.co.nz

### **Enable NZ**

Call Free: 0800 17 1981  
info@enable.co.nz

# Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT)

**What is the Ministry of Health Criteria to get funding?**

**Equipment to support a person who is Deaf, Deafblind or has a Hearing Impairment to:**

- return to, remain in or live safely in their home
- study full time (not including children in compulsory education)
- complete a vocational training course
- work full time
- do voluntary work
- be the main Carer of a dependent person

***Examples of assistive hearing or alerting equipment;***

- Fax machines
- Adaptive phones
- Smoke detectors with visual or vibrating alerts
- Call systems with visual or vibrating alerts

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**Where do you go to find an Assessor who can see if you meet the Criteria?**

**Visit one of these Websites (which are on the Fire Service website too):**

- [http://www.life.nzl.org/page/life\\_11.php](http://www.life.nzl.org/page/life_11.php)
- <http://www.deaf.org.nz/for-you/our-services/equipment>
- <http://www.hnzc.co.nz/hnzc/web/rent-buy-or-own/other-ways-we-can-help/modified-housing.htm>

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## Fire Safety Equipment Available for the Hearing Impaired or d/Deaf

<p><b>Bellman Visit Wireless Alarm</b></p>	<p><b>Reid Technology Ltd</b> Unit D 15 Saturn Place North Harbour PO Box 303 424 North Harbour Ph: 09 489 8100 Fax: 09 489 8585 Email: <a href="mailto:sales@reidtechnology.co.nz">sales@reidtechnology.co.nz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.reidtechnology.co.nz">www.reidtechnology.co.nz</a></p>
<p><b>Fire Denyer System</b></p>	<p><b>Fire Preventors Ltd</b> 40 Woodhouse Avenue Karori Wellington Ph: 04 476 6306 Fax: 04 476 6309 Website: <a href="http://www.firedenyer.co.nz">www.firedenyer.co.nz</a></p>

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<b>Vibralert Vibrating Smoke Alarm</b>	<b>Deaf-Quip,</b> 24b Rutherford Street, Woolston, Christchurch <a href="mailto:info@deafquip.co.nz">info@deafquip.co.nz</a> <a href="http://www.deafquip.com.au/home-page-xidc21432.html">http://www.deafquip.com.au/home-page-xidc21432.html</a>
<b>First Alert Smoke Alarm BRK Hearing Impaired Strobe</b>	This needs to be installed by an electrician. <b>Harkness &amp; Young Ltd</b> 21 Saleyards Rd Otahuhu, Auckland Ph: 09 2764071 Fax: 021526431 Jamie Teague Website: <a href="http://www.harknessyoung.co.nz/afawcs0112281/CATID=1/SUBID=3/page=1/products.html">http://www.harknessyoung.co.nz/afawcs0112281/CATID=1/SUBID=3/page=1/products.html</a>

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<b>Low frequency smoke alarms</b>	Not available in New Zealand – order through the internet
<b>Mid frequency smoke alarms</b>	Contact: <a href="mailto:jaimie@harknessyoung.co.nz">jaimie@harknessyoung.co.nz</a>
<b>Silent Alert</b>	Kevin Wheller 110 Lauderdale Rd Birkdale P O Box 40312 Glenfield Tel : (09) 483 3428 Fax : (09) 483 3429 Email : <a href="mailto:Kevin@phoenixcontrols.co.nz">Kevin@phoenixcontrols.co.nz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.silent-alert.co.uk">www.silent-alert.co.uk</a>