

# You need a hearing test if...

- You have problems hearing people over the phone
- You have trouble following a conversation in which two or more people are talking at the same time
- Family members or friends complain that you turn the TV up too loud
- You have to strain to understand conversations
- You have trouble hearing with a noisy background
- You frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- It seems that many people mumble or do not speak clearly
- You misunderstand what people are saying and respond inappropriately
- You have trouble understanding speech of women and children
- Others get annoyed because you constantly misunderstand what they say

Source: National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders



# Call us:

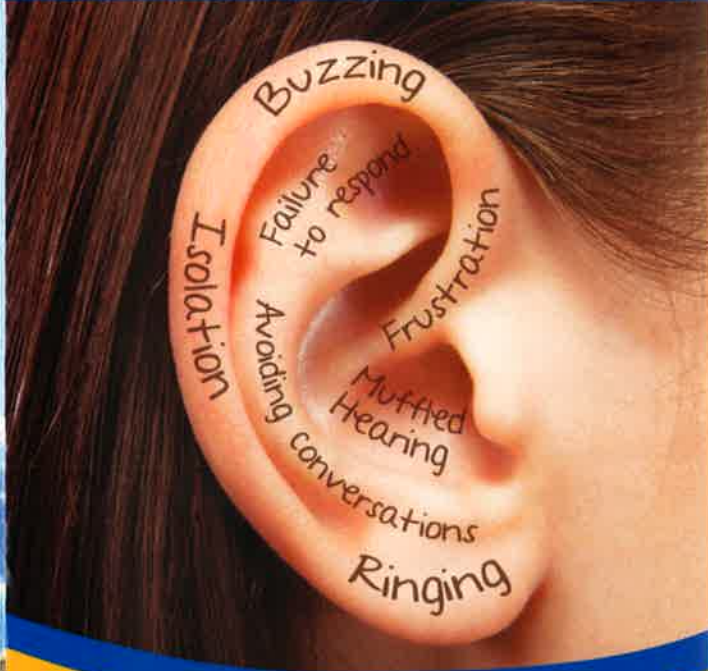
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**Our Office is open for appointments:  
Monday, Tuesday\*,  
Wednesday, Saturday**  
*\*Evening appointments available.*



# AUDIOLOGY



## Your TeamstersCare Hearing Benefit



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**Hearing is a precious asset ~ Protect it!**

[www.teamsterscare.com](http://www.teamsterscare.com)

## Your Hearing Care Benefits:

Once each year, you, your spouse, and your eligible children (ages 3 years and up) can have comprehensive hearing testing done at the **Charlestown Audiology Office**. Our licensed and certified audiologist provides routine hearing examinations, diagnostic evaluations, and middle ear analysis at no cost to you. More frequent visits are available if needed. If appropriate, hearing aid fitting (or referral for purchase, depending on eligibility) and follow-up is provided.

If you or your family members live outside New England, you may be authorized to receive certain hearing care services from a private audiologist, provided our TeamstersCare audiologist conducts a pre-treatment review.

*This benefit is available to you whether you're enrolled in the TeamstersCare HMO's or the Out of Area Option.*

**Contact TeamstersCare Member Services at 617-241-9220 ext. 2 for more information.**

**Adults with untreated hearing loss were found less likely to participate in organized social activities than peers who wore hearing aids.**



## What is an Audiologist?

AN AUDIOLOGIST IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL WHO SPECIALIZES IN EVALUATING, DIAGNOSING, AND TREATING PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS.



## Who needs Hearing Care Services?

EVERYONE! STARTING AT AGE THREE, EVERY CHILD TO ADULT SHOULD BE TESTED AT LEAST ONCE TO IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL HEARING PROBLEMS.

## Hearing Care Services:



### Diagnostic Hearing Evaluation:

- **Otoscopic Ear examination**  
Examine the ear canal with an ear light
- **Middle Ear analysis**  
Determine if problems in the middle ear are contributing to a hearing loss
- **Pure Tone Hearing Test**  
Testing in a sound booth to measure hearing ability
- **Speech Discrimination**  
Testing to determine how you process speech sounds

### Amplification:

- Hearing aid fitting, analysis, and follow-up, as appropriate
- Real Ear Verification of hearing aid fitting

Our Audiologist will review your test results and determine an action plan. If hearing aids are needed we will provide them to eligible members and dependents.\*

*\*Members of the Retiree Prescription Drug Program (Age 65 and over) will be referred to a local dispenser to purchase amplification at a discounted price. Our audiologist will guide you through this process.*

**Hearing loss is the 3rd most common physical condition after arthritis and heart disease.**