

Ten Commandments the Hearing Impaired Wish You Knew

- I. Thou shalt not speak to the listener from another room.
- II. Thou shalt not speak with your back toward the listener or while the listener's back is toward you.
- III. Thou shalt not speak as you walk away.
- IV. Thou shalt not turn your face away from the listener while continuing to talk.
- V. Thou shalt not speak while background noise (water running, radio or TV playing, people talking, etc.) is as loud or louder than your voice.
- VI. Thou shalt not start to speak before getting the listener's attention and while the listener is reading, engrossed in a TV program, or otherwise preoccupied.
- VII. Thou shalt not speak while your face is hidden in shadow.
- VIII. Thou shalt not obstruct a view of your mouth while speaking.
- IX. Thou shalt not speak rapidly or by shouting.
- X. Thou shalt be patient, supportive and loving when the listener appears to have difficulty comprehending what has been said.

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