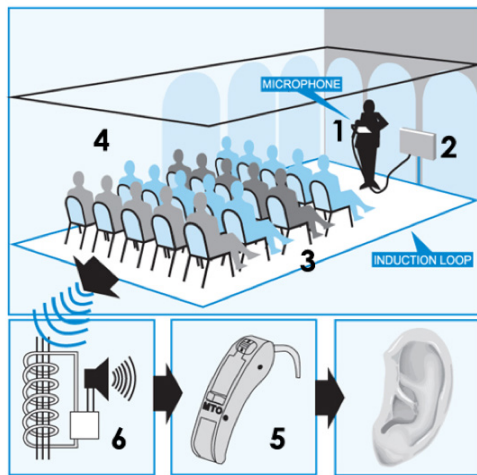


Tip Sheet: Hearing Loops

What is a Hearing Loop?

A Hearing Loop (Induction Loop, Audio Loop or T-loop), provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to the T-Coil (Telecoil) setting. A Hearing Loop consists of a microphone to pick up the spoken word and an amplifier which processes the signal. It is then sent through the final piece; the induction loop, a wire placed around the “perimeter” of a room to act as an antenna that radiates the magnetic signal to the hearing aid or cochlear implant. It can be placed permanently, temporarily or be portable for personal use!



Tips for users



The hearing aid wearer must be able to turn their T-coil on. Make sure an audiologist has activated it in one of the hearing aid programs and shown you how to use it.

You can purchase a portable hearing loop device for personal use.

Ask for it! Let the venues you frequent know that hearing loops are easy to install and will benefit so many people, point out that it makes good business sense to be inclusive.

You may also be able to use this system with headphones and a hearing loop receiver.

Tips for organizers



A venue that is equipped with hearing loop technology must display the universal symbol.

Hearing loops can be installed in almost any event space as well as at service and reception counters. They can even be installed temporarily at venues.

A hearing loop listener should be used to check that the hearing loop is functioning prior to the event.

Have on hand some hearing loops receivers and headphones for your attendees to borrow.

Contact Hear Quebec for a consultation on accessibility.

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