

# Dial 711, Connect, and Communicate



Wyoming Relay provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing.

## What is Wyoming Relay?

Wyoming Relay is a free 24-hours-a-day service that allows people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and/or deaf-blind to place and receive telephone calls. Wyoming Relay users can communicate freely with businesses, friends, or family who use a standard telephone.

All calls are strictly confidential and no records of any conversations are maintained.

## **Voice Relay for Hearing Callers**

#### 711 or 800-877-9975

Standard telephone users can easily initiate calls to TTY users. No special equipment is needed. You can use any type of phone from anywhere. The Communciation Assistant types the hearing person's spoken words to the TTY user and reads back the typed replies.

#### How to contact a person who uses a TTY

- 1 Dial 711 (or 1-800-877-9975) You will hear "Wyoming Relay Communication Assistant # (each Communication Assistant has a unique identification number) may I have the number you are calling please?"
- **2** Give the Communication Assistant the area code and telephone number you wish to call and any further instructions.
- **3** The Communication Assistant will process your call. When the TTY caller answers the call, the Communication Assistant will type what you say to the TTY caller. Make sure to say "Go Ahead" when it's the TTY caller's turn to respond.

4 The TTY caller will read what was said on the device. The Communication Assistant will then read aloud everything the TTY caller types to you.

To learn more, visit wyomingrelay.com/voice

## TTY Relay

711 or 800-877-9965 (Español: 800-829-2783)

A person who is deaf or hard of hearing can use a TTY to type their message, which is read aloud to the other caller by a Communication Assistant. The Communication Assistant types the spoken message of the hearing caller to the TTY user.

- The TTY user types a conversation to the Communication Assistant. Remember to type "GA" (Go Ahead) at the end of each message.
- The Communciation Assistant then voices the typed message to the other party.
- 3 After the TTY user types "GA," it is the other party's turn to respond.
- The Communication Assistant relays the other party's spoken words by typing them back to you.



## TeleBraille Relay

#### 711 or 800-877-9965

People who are deafblind or have low vision can use a TTY and/or TeleBraille device to type words to a Communciation Assistant, who then speaks the typed words to the other caller, and types all spoken words back to the deafblind caller. The average typing speed is slower than traditional TTY relay, and can be modified to as slow as five words per minute.

- The other party's conversation to a deafblind caller goes through a Communication Assistant.
- The Communication Assistant types the other party's conversation to the deafblind caller.
- The deafblind caller reads the conversation through a TeleBraille device.



To learn more, visit wyomingrelay.com/telebraille

## **Voice Carry-Over**

#### 711 or 877-877-1474

Voice Carry-Over (VCO) allows a caller with hearing loss to speak directly to a hearing person. When the hearing person speaks to a VCO caller, the relay operator serves as the VCO caller's "ears" and types everything said to the VCO caller's TTY or VCO device. If an elderly person with progressive hearing loss has difficulty hearing over the phone, VCO may be the perfect communication solution for them.

- The mother, as the VCO user who has a hearing loss, speaks to her son directly.
- The son speaks to his mother, and the Communication Assistant types everything the son says, word for word, to the mother.
- The mother reads on a TTY screen what her son speaks



## Other Relay Features

## International Calling

Wyoming Relay allows you to place and receive calls to and from anywhere in the world (using English or Spanish language only). Calls originating from a country outside of the US may also access Wyoming Relay by dialing 1-605-224-1837.

## **Answering Machine or Voice Mail Retrieval**

TTY/VCO users can request Wyoming Relay to retrieve messages from their voice answering machines or voicemail.

## **Directory Assistance**

Wyoming Relay will relay Directory Assistance (DA) calls (i.e to 4-1-1) between TTY/VCO users and the Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) DA operator. Once the caller makes the request, the Communication Assistant will contact the appropriate LEC DA operator. After obtaining the requested telephone number, the caller may choose to place the call through Wyoming Relay or dial it directly.

#### TTY Pay Phones

TTY users who wish to use a coin TTY pay phone can use Wyoming Relay to assist in connecting calls. TTY pay phones may be available at hospitals, airports, train stations, hotels, libraries, museums, government buildings and freeway rest stops. All local calls from TTY pay phones are free of charge.

## Dial 911 for Emergency Calls Only

In case of emergency, TTY users should call directly to the 911 emergency services center for their community.

The 911 operators have TTY machines and are trained to respond appropriately to TTY users. 711 is NOT a substitute for TTY users requiring emergency services.

TTY users who cannot obtain emergency service via 911 may call 711 and inform the Communication Assistant there is an emergency situation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Calling through Wyoming Relay may take longer than calling 911 directly.

# **Equipment Distribution Program**

Wyoming Relay Equipment Distribution Program (WYRED) provides special telephone equipment to citizens with hearing loss.

Wyoming Relay provides administrative oversight to the State's relay service. We also provide information, referrals, trainings, and presentations to individuals, civic groups, businesses, law enforcement, and other groups.

If you need additional details about the program or would like to schedule a presentation, visit our website at **wyomingrelay.com/wyred**.

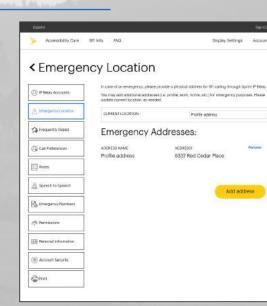


# **Wyoming Relay Customer Profile**

The Wyoming Relay Customer Profile allows consumers who have hearing loss to list their preferences for calls, such as:

- Frequently dialed numbers
- Emergency numbers
- Preferred gender of operator
- Announcing relay service

If you are interested in adding your information to the Customer Profile, visit **wyomingrelay.com/profile**.



## Important information

- English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English translations are also available.
- TTY and Voice Carry-Over (VCO) relay are not compatible with PBX systems, VOIP phones or digital landlines; a dedicated analog landline must be used.
- There is no charge for local and long-distance calls.

## Request presentations

- Wyoming Relay can provide customized presentations for organizations, agencies, schools, clubs, events, or companies at no charge. The presentations talk about Wyoming Relay services and programs, and can last anywhere from an hour to a full day.
- To request, go to wyomingrelay/presentations

## For more information, contact:

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