Essential Sign Language

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

This handout is a guide for basic sign language you may see during an emergency situation. This is only a tool. You should always use a qualified PA State Registered Sign Language Interpreter.

(Arrows in the illustrations below designate motioning)

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COMMUNICATION TIPS

• Maintain eye contact with the person who is deaf/hard of hearing.
• Speak directly to the person, not the interpreter.
• Use natural facial expressions and universal gestures.
• Speak clearly and avoid shouting and exaggeration.
• Provide physical or visual guidance. Write it down, if needed.
Sign Language Interpreters

• ASL Services
  Statewide
  717-755-3212

• Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
  Berks and surrounding counties
  610-685-4520

• Center Fox Hearing and Deaf Services
  Western PA
  412-281-1375

• Deaf Hearing Communication Center (DHCC)
  Southeastern PA
  610-604-0452

• Deaf Hearing Communication Center, Inc.
  Southeastern PA
  610-604-0450

• Sign Language Interpreting Professionals, LLC
  Western PA
  412-400-2021

• Purple Video Remote Interpreting*
  Statewide
  English: 877-467-4877  Spanish: 877-467-4875

*Video Remote Interpretation (VRI)
In-person interpretation by a PA State Registered interpreter is strongly preferred and is standard for reasonable accommodation.

If there is a delay in obtaining on-site certified interpretation, VRI may be utilized. With VRI, the interpreter is off-site and communication depends on a video streaming application.