



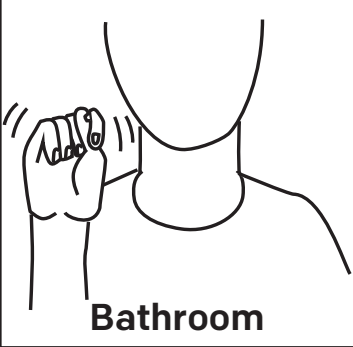


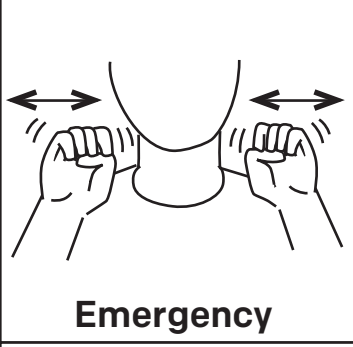
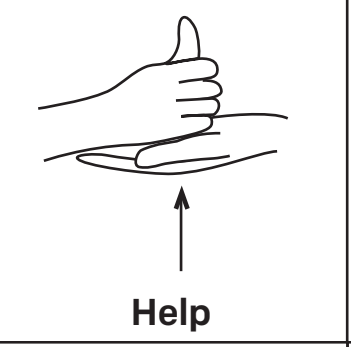

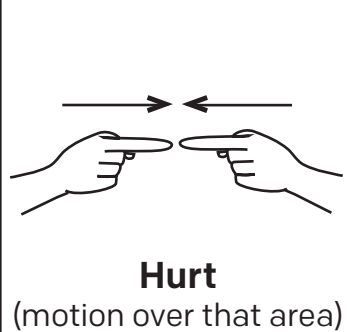
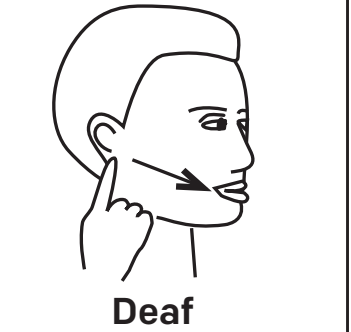

Essential Sign Language

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)

 <p>Bathroom</p>	 <p>Interpreter</p>	 <p>Go</p>
 <p>Emergency</p>	 <p>Help</p>	 <p>Hospital</p>
 <p>Hurt (motion over that area)</p>	 <p>Deaf</p>	 <p>Sick</p>

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.



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