

# What are assistive technologies?

Assistive devices and technologies allow individuals to perform an activity they would otherwise be unable to do, or increase the ease and safety in which those activities are performed. In the case of children with disabilities, they have a significant impact on their early childhood development and educational outcome, reducing the need for other types of support later on in life. **These are some common examples:**

**Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, prostheses, orthoses, adapted cutlery, extendable reaching devices and adaptive switches for persons with physical impairments; hearing aids, assistive hearing technology, alarm devices, amplified telephones, deafblind communicators; spectacles, magnifiers, white canes, voice recognition software, Braille displays and screen readers for persons with visual impairments; communication boards and speech synthesizers for persons with communication needs; computers and visual and talking timers for persons with intellectual impairments.**



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