



Important Information Regarding Rhode Island Relay

Rhode Island Relay:

Rhode Island Relay is a public service that guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through a telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, can communicate on the telephone via TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS) and Spanish. This helps ensure the ability to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

How Rhode Island Relay works:

Dial 711 to connect with Rhode Island Relay. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and the number of the person you wish to call and will begin relaying the conversation. Generally, the CA will voice the typed message from the text telephone (TTY) user to the person on the other end. The CA then relays the spoken words by typing them back to the TTY user.

Specialized Services:

Rhode Island Relay offers specialized services for individuals who have difficulty speaking, including Spanish-speaking residents. Specially trained CAs are on hand to assist in these types of calls by dialing the associated number provided on this page. Since Rhode Island Relay offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed or contact Rhode Island Relay Customer Care for more detailed instruction on how a particular call is processed.

Access to Services:

711 provides toll-free access to relay services. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 711 when trying to reach Rhode Island Relay, please contact Rhode Island Relay Customer Care.

All TRS services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Consumers may place relay calls to English-speaking and Spanish-speaking people within Rhode Island, across the United States and even internationally. Each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality.

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Customer Care Information:

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Special points of interest:

Equipment Distribution Program

If you want to learn about the Rhode Island Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) Program, please call 401-486-3325. You may also visit <https://ors.ri.gov/programs/adaptive-telephone-equipment-loan-program-atel>

Emergency Calls

Please note that 711 can only be used to reach Rhode Island Relay. In an EMERGENCY you should continue to use 911. For emergencies, call 911 or your local emergency service TTY number directly. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all 911 centers have a TTY and are prepared to handle emergency calls placed in this manner. Rhode Island Relay will make every effort to assist you in an emergency. However, it is important to understand that relay centers are **not** 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.