



PHONE OPTIONS FOR LOW VISION



IMAGINE

Do you wish your phone was easier to see or use?

Do you want to use your mobile phone to stay in touch when you are out and about?

Do you use your phone for work, family or to stay socially connected to your friends?

Various telephones and smart phone options are available for people with vision loss and offer features that are easier to use.



SEEK

To find out more, you can...

Phone **LifeTec** on **1300 543 383** to discuss options and suitability with a health professional

Visit a **LifeTec display centre** to view and trial a selection of products, and obtain professional advice in person

Speak to your Occupational Therapist

Use the National Equipment Database at **www.ilcaustralia.org.au** for further information on communication devices for low vision



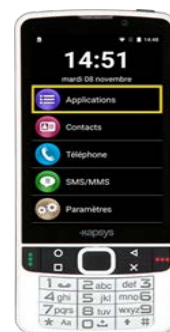
Telephone with photos



Telephone with big buttons



Simplified displays on mobile phone



Mobile phones designed for vision loss



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CHOOSE

What can I choose from?

Here are some key features to think about when choosing a phone that will work well for you:

At home

Some mainstream phones offer features such as:

- Large push buttons
- Picture-based speed dial
- Hear each number spoken aloud as you dial
- Large digital display
- Flashing lights

In the community

Some mobile phones offer features like:

- Large displays
- Large button keypads
- Hear each number as you dial
- Read out text messages aloud
- Emergency SOS buttons

Smart phone options

Many smart phones have apps and software that can:

- Change the layout of your phone to make it easier to see or use
- Make calls or send text using voice commands
- Replace the phone layout with a simpler, user friendly layout
- Use gestures like tapping or shaking to make or receive calls
- There are also a range of specialised smart phones which have been designed for people with vision loss



LIVE

LOOKS

- Large displays
- Look and appearance may be important to you
- Larger buttons can be easier to see and use

ACCESS

Do you want to use ...?

- Keypads
- Touchscreens
- Voice commands
- Gestures

FUNCTION

Do you want to ...

- Call or receive phone calls
- Send or receive text messages
- Use an Emergency SOS button or app

TRAINING

- Training can be useful for more complex phones or functions
- Practice may be needed to develop your proficiency

FLEXIBILITY

- Where can it be used?
- Is the operating system up to date and compatible with the apps you want to use?

CUSTOMISATION

- Can you change the features of the phone to meet your requirements?

SET UP

- Help with setup is highly recommended
- What support do you have locally?
- What support do you have remotely?

COST

- Phones can range in cost and may require ongoing contract costs
- Consider whether the phone meets your requirements

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