

Mission statement

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians is committed to providing services to meet the needs of Deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened people with dignity, integrity, and respect.

Mandate

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians is a non-profit organization, serving the approximately 150,000 deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened people in the province of Nova Scotia. Incorporated in 1980, the Society is mandated to develop and manage coordinated services to assist deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened people in gaining full access to public, private, and community services.

This pamphlet is for educational purposes only. It is not intended to replace the advice or professional judgment of a health care provider. The information may not apply to all situations. If you have any questions, please ask your health care provider.

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American Sign Language–English Interpreter Services



American Sign Language-English interpreters can be hired through Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians to facilitate communication between deaf and hearing people in a wide range of settings, including:

- › Medical (covered by MSI)
- › Legal
- › Job training
- › Employment-related
- › Workshops and conferences
- › Access to government services and programs
- › Financial

Interpreters working for Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians are graduates of a recognized interpreter training program. They are active members of:

- › Maritime Association of Professional Sign Language Interpreters (MAPSLI)
- › Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters (CASLI)

How to request interpreting services

Contact the SDHHNS Interpreter Coordinator:

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians
Suite 329, 7071 Bayers Road
Halifax, NS B3L 2C2

Hours:

- › Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- › Phone: (voice call/TTY): 902-422-7130
- › Phone: (voice/TTY): 902-429-5752
- › Fax: 902-422-8110

After hours, weekends, or emergency sign language interpretation services:

- › Phone (voice call or text message): 902-456-6949
- › Email: interpreterservices@ns.sympatico.ca
- › www.sdhhns.org

In Cape Breton:

Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians
762 Victoria Road
Sydney, NS B1N 1J6

Hours:

- › Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- › Phone (voice/TTY): 902-564-0003
- › Fax: 902-564-0003
- › Email: cbdeaf@ns.sympatico.ca

After hours, weekends, or emergency sign language interpretation services:

- › Phone (voice call or text message): 902-577-0941
- › Phone (voice call or text message): 902-549-5185
- › www.deafandhardofhearing.com