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## **WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ASSISTANCE?**

For those who would like to augment their hearing instruments with other devices that promote better hearing, the hearing specialist can suggest any of a number of “assistive listening devices” (ALDs). These apparatuses, which are often referred to as “binoculars for the ears,” utilize a microphone to pick up sound, transmission technology to deliver the signal, and a receiver to pick up the signal and deliver sound to the ear. They serve to both amplify sounds and eliminate unwanted background noise. One type of ALD system, known as “hearing loops,” can be found in theatres, conference rooms, and places of worship, while personal ALDs can be connected to the phone, TV, or other audio sources at home.

*TIP OF THE WEEK When pursuing new hearing instruments, be sure to request that a telecoil be inserted into the devices to be able to take advantage of local looping systems.*

P.S. The hearing loop, which is a wire that circles a room and is connected to the sound system, transmits the sound electromagnetically.

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