

Important Information Regarding Montana Relay

Montana Relay is a public service which guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through the telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, can communicate on the telephone via TTY/TDD, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Spanish-to-Spanish and Captioned Telephone in order to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

Here's how Montana Relay works:

Dial 7-1-1 or the appropriate toll-free number provided to connect with Montana Relay. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and 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 (TDD/TTY) user to the hearing person on the other end. The CA then relays the hearing person's spoken words by typing them back to the TDD/TTY user.

Specialized Services:

Montana Relay offers specialized services for individuals who have difficulty speaking and for Spanish speaking residents. Specially trained CA's are on hand to assist in these types of calls by dialing the associated number provided at the top of this page. Since Montana Relay offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed or call Montana Relay Customer Service for more detailed instruction on how a particular call is processed.

Access to Services:

Both 7-1-1 and the 800 numbers are toll free calls and provide access to the same relay services. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 7-1-1 to reach Montana Relay, please call Montana Relay Customer Service.

All services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Consumers may place relay calls to English and Spanish speaking persons within Montana, across the United States and even internationally. By law, each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality. There is no charge to access Montana Relay, although standard long distance charges apply.

**To place a call using
Montana Relay, dial 7-1-1**
or dial one of the toll free numbers below:

TTY: 1-800-253-4091

Voice: 1-866-253-4090

VCO: 1-877-826-7161

Spanish: 1-866-225-1866

Speech-to-Speech: 1-877-253-4613

Customer Service Information:

1-866-735-2968 V/TTY

P.O. Box 4210

Helena, MT 59604

Email: relay@mt.gov

Web: www.montanarelay.mt.gov

Captioned Telephone

Customer Service:

1-888-269-7477

To call a Captioned Telephone user, dial:
7-1-1 or 1-877-243-2823

Special points of interest:

• **Equipment Distribution Program**

If you want to learn about the Montana Telecommunications Access Program, please call 1-800-833-8503 or 1-866-735-2968. You may also visit www.montanarelay.mt.gov.

• **Emergency Calls**

Please note that 7-1-1 is only to be used to reach Montana Relay.

In and EMERGENCY you should continue to use 9-1-1 For emergencies, call 9-1-1 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. Montana 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.

