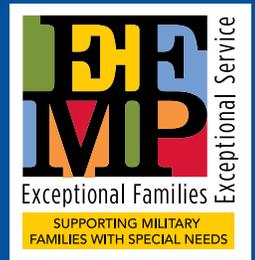


Public Law 108-364, Assistive Technology Act of 2004



Individuals with disabilities need access to the same technologies that expand educational, occupational and everyday opportunities for all Americans. The Assistive Technology Act of 2004, or The Tech Act, provides people with disabilities access to the technologies and services that allow them to make contributions in their communities.

Background

The Tech Act protects people with disabilities of all ages in all environments and promotes awareness of, and access to, assistive technology devices and services. It allows individuals with disabilities to fully participate in education, employment and daily activities commensurate with other community members.

Assistive technology devices

Assistive technology devices include equipment and items used to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities and may include the following:

- Power and manual wheelchairs, scooters, canes, walkers, and standing devices
- Speech generating devices, voice amplifiers and speech recognition devices
- Adaptive sports equipment, including hand cycles, fishing pole clamps and specialty life vests for swimming
- Orthotics and prosthetics, such as hearing aids and electric larynxes
- Accessibility adaptations such as ramps, lifts, grab bars and flashing smoke detectors
- Assistive technology services

Assistive technology services directly assist individuals with disabilities in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive device and can include:

- Technical assistance or training for individuals with a disability or their caregivers
- Services that expand access to technology to people with disabilities, such as email and the Internet
- Coordination of therapies, such as occupational or physical, with assistive technology devices

Additional information

Read the text of the [Assistive Technology Act of 2004](#) at [Disability.gov](#). Your installation's [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) can also give you more information on the devices and services available to individuals with special needs in your family.



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