



Technology

Technology for living a
life unlimited.



LifeTech

LifeTech is Chime's specialist assistive technology service. Assistive technology can help you live independently and safely. Vital equipment such as flashing baby alarms, flashing doorbells and adapted fire alarms for the home and workplace can enable you to overcome any barriers that you might face, in everyday living.

Communication equipment such as television listening devices, amplified telephones, smart phones and personal listening devices can really make all the difference in your home, and your workplace.

At Chime, we can offer you a free assessment and advice on the range of technologies available to you. Did you know that some safety equipment can be provided to you for free, through certain grant schemes. Call your nearest Chime centre for more information.

EduTech

We provide a specialist technology service across Ireland for schools, colleges, universities and education providers. Our EduTech service aims to ensure students with hearing loss have access to the best available assistive technology in the classroom. This technology includes Personal Communication Systems and Soundfield Systems.

Our service works closely with the Department of Education and Skills, the Visiting Teacher Service and the HSE in the supply and service of assistive technology to students with hearing loss in Ireland. Even children with mild hearing losses are significantly at risk academically in the classroom (HSE National Audiology Review, 2011). Classrooms tend to be noisy places with a lot of background noise, affecting the signal to noise ratio. Even children with normal hearing are adversely affected!

Assistive technology for the classroom is designed to improve the signal to noise ratio, or in other words, to improve the quality of the teacher's voice over and above that of the surrounding background noise. Personal Communication Systems are most suitable for children with severe to profound hearing losses. For children with mild or unilateral hearing losses, Soundfield Systems may be most suitable, and they also have benefits for other students and the classroom teacher.

