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The importance of better hearing:

The average person has trouble hearing for 7-10 years before seeking help

More than half of Canadians over the age of 65 will experience some degree of hearing loss; yet, the average person has trouble hearing for 7 to 10 years before having their hearing examined by a hearing healthcare professional.

Studies have shown that people with a mild hearing loss are twice as likely to develop dementia and that hearing loss can lead to social isolation and depression.

Untreated hearing loss has been linked to reduced alertness and increased risk to personal safety.

If you already have hearing aids, it's important to ensure they are programmed appropriately. Recent studies show that only 30% of hearing aid fittings are verified correctly. Verifying today's hearing aids require special equipment and training to set hearing aids to provide appropriate amplification.

If you or a loved one:

- Often ask people to repeat themselves
- Have trouble understanding what's being said
- Often complain about people mumbling
- Experience persistent ringing in your ears

Schedule an appointment to have your hearing tested, or if you already have hearing aids, visit your Hearing Instrument Specialist to have them verified correctly and make sure you are hearing all you can from them.

Sources: ASHA, Hearing Foundation of Canada, Better Hearing institute, Audiologyonline

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