

## Assistive Technology Demonstration Purpose, Policy, Procedures



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The DRS Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Assistive Technology (AT) Library is in partnership with Oklahoma ABLE Tech, Oklahoma's AT Act Program located in the Seretean Wellness Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Oklahoma ABLE Tech promotes the availability of AT devices and services for Oklahomans with disabilities. AT is identified as any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of people with disabilities. AT allows people with disabilities to function more independently in employment, education, and community living activities.

### AT Categories:

AT is used by individuals with disabilities to perform functions that might otherwise be difficult or impossible to do. The following is the basic AT category grouping, along with examples to help individuals find what they may be looking for or what they may want to learn more about in a demonstration. DRS Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired AT Library does not have AT from every category. Please refer to Oklahoma ABLE Tech website at [www.okabletech.org](http://www.okabletech.org) or call 800-257-1705 for other AT needs and services.

### AT devices located at this service location (Please check options where appropriate.):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Daily Living</b>              | Modified eating utensils, dressing aids, medication dispensers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Environmental Adaptations</b> | Smart home technologies, switches, weighted blankets           |

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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hearing</b>	Amplified phones, personal listening devices, alerts, streamers
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Speech Communication</b>	Augmentative or alternative communication devices, picture boards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer and Related</b>	Adaptive keyboards, input devices, accessibility software
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Learning, Cognition, Development</b>	Portable note-takers, visual reminders, medication reminders
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recreation</b>	Cards and holders, modified board games, bowling ramps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vision</b>	Magnifiers, CCTVs, visual walking aids, screen readers
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mobility, Seating, Positioning</b>	Lift seats, pillow aids for seating, transfer boards
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vehicle Modifications</b>	Modified vehicles, vehicle lifts, straps, hand controls, swivel seats

## **AT Device Demonstration Program**

### **Purpose of Demonstration Program:**

The purpose of the AT Device Demonstration Program is to offer individual or group exploration of one or more AT devices to assist in decision-making about device purchase or usage. A demonstration also provides any additional resources necessary, such as funding sources, vendors, and other product comparisons.

### **Policy (Please check options where appropriate.):**

1. The AT Device Demonstrations are available by:

- Appointment
- Walk-in
- Both Appointment and Walk-in

2. Device demonstrations are offered:

- In-person
- Virtual platforms

Both In-Person or Virtual

3. Requests for equipment demonstrations may be made by a person with a disability, family members, advocates or service providers (e.g. therapist, teacher, rehabilitation counselor).

If an individual is interested in borrowing a device after the demonstration, inquiry and coordination can be made with the DRS Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4. AT Library. Please note that on occasion, a particular device may not be available for loan.

### **Procedures (Please fill in / check options where appropriate):**

1. Appointments for a device demonstration can be made by:

- Telephone: (405)365-4869
- Email: [dshephard@okdrs.gov](mailto:dshephard@okdrs.gov)
- Walk-In: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Device demonstrations can occur at:

- Site location listed above
- Individual's service area (i.e. home, place of employment, other treatment area)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Once a demonstration is completed, an informed decision is recorded. This includes whether the device will meet the individual's needs (or not) and overall satisfaction with the demonstration.

4. If the demonstration results in an informed decision that the AT will meet the individuals' needs, then it is

recommended that the individual borrow the device for a short-term loan to trial it in the setting where it will be used.

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5. AT Library will refer clients to ABLE Tech for a short-term loan to trial the AT in the preferred environment.
6. Any AT used during a demonstration will be cleaned and sanitized utilizing the Sanitization Policies and Procedures prior to being returned to its storage area.