



How to Request Assistive Technology

Assistive technology may assist employees with disabilities in communication and work activities. Assistive technology devices can help improve physical or mental functioning, overcome a disorder or impairment, help prevent the worsening of a condition, strengthen a physical or mental weakness, help improve a person's capacity to learn, or even replace a missing limb.

Often times assistive technology devices and ergonomic devices are one in the same. However, this is not always the case. For situations where the APHIS Ergonomics Program is unable to meet the assistive technology needs of an employee, the employee will be referred to the [USDA Target Center](#). The Target Center is designed to provide a wide variety of assistive technology services to employees with disabilities.

The Target Center supports USDA employees with assistive technology in helping them select, acquire, or use adaptive devices. Such services include functional evaluations, training on devices, product demonstration, and equipment purchasing or leasing. To request assistive technology, please contact the Target Center directly at 202-720-2600 or visit them in person at the USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Rm 1006, Washington, DC 20250.

