

Tech Talk Tuesday

Enable Speak On Touch For Your iPhone/iPad

If you are familiar with the zoom feature on apple iPhones and iPads, found through the accessibility menu, you know that allows you to zoom in and out at anytime when navigating your device. This feature can also be setup to speak on demand; meaning you press a body of text on the screen and the phone reads aloud its content. (this is not available on earlier versions of ios) How do you enable this? On your iPhone or iPad

1. Go to settings on your device
2. Press Accessibility
3. Press Zoom
4. Press Zoom Controller
5. Press Show Controller
6. Choose Single, Double, or Triple Tap and set the funtion to Speak on touch.

The number of taps you choose, will determine the number of times you need to press the zoom controller (the circle that appears) before pressing the text you want read aloud.

Portable Electronic Magnifiers

A portable electronic magnifier is a device with a camera on the underside that captures the image of text, pictures, or other items, and a monitor on the top side that displays the image. This device allows you to magnify that image multiple times, and add any visual color displays as needed; such as an inverted color display. Call Society to learn more about the many different types of PEM devices. Live demonstrations are welcomed.

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MoAT TAP Internet Program

TAP for Internet program provides to Missourians who cannot use traditional computer equipment, the adaptive computer equipment necessary for basic access to the internet and e-mail. The program provides such equipment as screen enlargement software, screen readers, adaptive keyboards or alternative pointing devices such as trackballs or rollerballs. The TAP-I program provides consumer support during the selection and initial usage of the adaptive equipment.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

To qualify for the Telecommunications Access Program, the applicant must:

- Be certified by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, hearing instrument specialist or qualified agency as unable to use traditional telecommunications equipment or computer equipment due to disability;
- Be a resident of the state of Missouri;
- Have access to basic telephone service for TAP-T; have a computer and internet service for TAP-I. For the TAP Wireless pilot, you must have WiFi access or mobile phone service (depending on selected equipment).
- Meet financial income standards (Generally, the applicant's have an annual adjusted household income under \$60,000 for two people; with \$5,000 being added for each additional dependent.)

Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The Missouri Council of the Blind will cover up to 50% of the cost of devices for eligible members through their adaptive technology program. For more information on this program, visit the link below.

MCB Adaptive Technology Program

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Financial Assistance for Tech Devices

The Lighthouse for the Blind of St. Louis, MO, can cover up to 90% of the cost of a device for qualifying individuals. Contact the Society to learn more.

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