

Effects of deafblindness.

A small number of people will have no sight or hearing.

Other people who are deafblind will have varying degrees of vision and/or hearing.

Experiences and understanding of the world around them will be different depending on whether a person was born deafblind or acquired vision and hearing loss through deterioration of these senses later in life.



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What is deafblindness?



Types of deafblindness.

Congenital Deafblindness:

Congenital deafblindness is a term used when people are born deafblind or when their combined hearing and vision impairment occurs before spoken, signed or other visual forms of language and communication have developed.

Acquired Deafblindness:

People who are born Deaf or hard of hearing and later experience deteriorating sight. Usher Syndrome for example, causes deafness or hearing impairment at birth and vision impairment later in life.

People who are born vision impaired or blind and go on to experience hearing loss at a later stage.

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