



Using a Communication intermediary

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What is a Communication Intermediary

A Communication Intermediary:

- Is a Speech-Language Pathologist
- Has special training from CDAC to help people communicate with police, legal and justice professionals

A communication intermediary helps:

- Police officers, lawyers and justice professionals understand your communication
- You to understand questions you might be asked
- You to communicate what you want to say by giving you communication boards

A Communication Intermediary cannot:

- Tell you what to do or say
- Advocate on your behalf
- Represent you
- Give you legal advice
- Advise or teach you what to communicate
- Provide personal attendant services
- Give an opinion about what you communicate

In a criminal or other serious situations, a Communication Intermediary cannot:

- Discuss the case with you
- Have private meetings and conversations with you.

You can get a list of Communication Intermediaries:

www.access-to-justice.org/communication-intermediaries/roster/