

Technology has come to define the society in which we live. It has moved into every aspect of social, political, economic and cultural life. Technology can be considered as a source of social support with life enhancement opportunities for society at large. Technology is advancing rapidly and as with the rest of society its impact on people with disabilities has been considerable. For most people technology can make life easier, expanding life's choices and opportunities. For people with disabilities however, technology can change the most ordinary of daily activities from the impossible to the possible. Technology has the potential to truly empower people with disabilities to live the life of their choice. This emancipatory possibility means it is a very exciting time for people with disabilities leading the way towards a new horizon of possibilities.

Assistive technology (AT) is an umbrella term that includes assistive, adaptive and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities. Included in this, is the process of selecting, locating and supporting of AT. AT promotes greater independence by enabling individuals to perform tasks that they were formerly unable to accomplish, or had great difficulty accomplishing by providing enhancing to or changing methods of interacting with the technology needed to accomplish such tasks.