

SMART HOME PROGRAM



Devices currently offered:

- Amazon Echo/Plus or Google Home
 - Also known as *Digital Assistants or Smart Speakers*
- Amazon Dot or Google Home Mini
- Philips Hue Light bulbs
- Smart plugs
 - Can be used with small appliances (fans, lights, etc)
- Amazon Echo Fire Cube
 - TV control (change channels/ volume)
- Echo Connect *requires a landline
 - Offers 911-hands-free calling/ screening
- Wyze In-Home Security Camera
 - Can be used without other smart home devices

Uses:

- Entertainment
 - Stream music, podcasts, games, and gather information
- Create Daily Reminders
- Calendar Management
- Connect with Amazon Prime to complete Shopping *membership required
- Acts as an in-home intercom with the Drop-In feature
- Broadcast Announcements to all devices in the home
- Listen to Audio books *subscription required
- Ask My Buddy Skill (Emergency Alert. Contacts family/friend/neighbor)
- Able to call any phone number within the country

Equipment Installation/Training:

- Equipment comes from the ALS Association Communication Program
- Best Buy is able to install devices and provide training on usage as needed

Access:

- Can be activated via voice or touch (through phone/tablet app) to access electronics within the home
- Digital Assistants can only be voice-activated within earshot
- Can be accessed using a Speech Generating Device (a lower tone voice may be needed)

Limitations:

- Digital Assistants, such as the Amazon Echo and Google Home, CANNOT CALL 911
- Smart home technology relies on a power source and Wi-Fi, and should not be used as a primary emergency alert system Incoming
- callers must be included in your Contacts on the Alexa or Google App
- Digital Assistants may not be able to understand impaired speech

Pre-requisites for participation:

- Must be registered with The ALS Association
- Must have Wi-Fi/Internet within the home
- A smart phone or tablet is required (tablets can be obtained from The ALS Association as needed)