

# Potential Impacts of Untreated Hearing Loss



## Reduced Earning Potential/Unemployment

Adults with untreated hearing loss are more likely to be unemployed and, on average, earn significantly lower wages. <sup>1</sup>



## Tinnitus

Hearing loss  
2x more likely  
for those with  
tinnitus. <sup>6</sup>



## Dementia/Memory Issues

Dementia risk may be  
Up to 5x higher with  
Untreated hearing loss. <sup>2</sup>



## Depression/Isolation/Fatigue

Those with untreated hearing loss were more likely to report depression, anxiety & less likely to participate in organized in social activities, compared to those who wear hearing aids. <sup>5</sup>



## Hospitalization

32% more likely for  
older adults with  
hearing loss. <sup>3</sup>



## Falling/Balance Issues

Hearing loss tied to  
3 fold increase in risk  
of falling. <sup>4</sup>



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