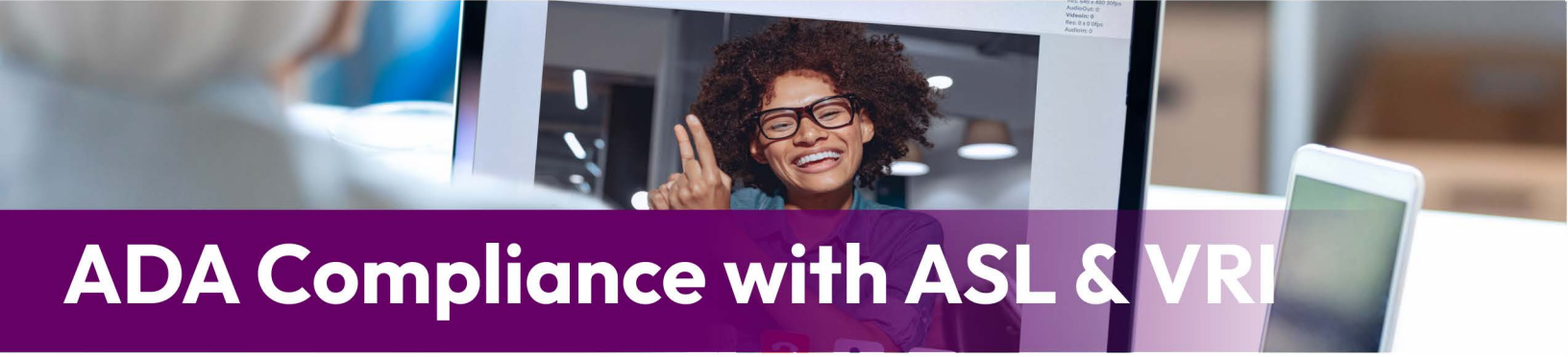


ADA Compliance with ASL & VRI

If your organization provides goods and services to the public, you are required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). One of the groups for which accommodation is required is the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community. Combining American Sign Language (ASL) with Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) is a convenient and powerful solution for this requirement.

Understanding the ADA

The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life. This includes:

- ✓ **Public Accommodations**: Businesses and organizations must provide auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication.
- ✓ **Effective Communication:** The ADA requires that communication with individuals who have disabilities is *as effective as* communication with those without disabilities.

The Role of ASL and VRI

What is American Sign Language (ASL)?

ASL is a complete, natural language used predominantly by the Deaf community in the United States. It has its own grammar and syntax, distinct from English, making it essential for effective communication.

What is Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)?

VRI is a service that uses video conferencing technology to provide interpreting services remotely. This allows Deaf individuals to communicate in real-time with hearing individuals through a qualified interpreter.

iTi's Video Remote Interpreting platform can be accessed using any device with a video display and a wifi connection, including PCs, tablets and smart phones. No special equipment or software is required.

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Combining ASL with VRI For Compliance

Failure to comply with the ADA can result in stiff penalties, which may run as high as $92,383 for a first violation or $184,767 for subsequent violations. Utilizing VRI services can prevent these liabilities by providing services when required.

- ✓ **Immediate Access:** With on-demand VRI, organizations can provide round-the-clock access to ASL interpreters without a prescheduled appointment.
- ✓ **Flexibility and Versatility:** Because it can be accessed using any smart device, VRI can be utilized in virtually any environment, including medical facilities, courtrooms, and classrooms. It can also be included in streaming platforms like Zoom or Teams, so that remote communications are accessible as well.

At iTi, our RID-Certified ASL interpreters are available 24/7/365 on-demand via VRI, ensuring access whenever and where ever it is needed.

Applications in Key Sectors

- ✓ **Healthcare:** Ensures that patients and providers receive accurate information, which is vital for treatment and informed consent.
- ✓ **Education:** Provides students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing with equal access to educational content, fostering an inclusive environment.
- ✓ **Legal:** Ensures that individuals can fully participate in legal proceedings, meeting ADA standards for accessibility.

Contact Us to Learn More

To learn more about how ASL and VRI can enhance your organization's accessibility and compliance, **speak to one of our expert representatives today**. At Interpreters and Translators, Inc., we are committed to providing comprehensive language solutions tailored to your needs.

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