



V.R.S. vs In-Person Interpreting Services

When comparing Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) to in-person interpreting services, both methods have distinct advantages and drawbacks depending on the setting and requirements. Here's a breakdown of each:

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)

Advantages:

- 1. Accessibility:** Quickly accessible, especially in locations where in-person interpreters are not readily available.
- 2. Convenience:** Services can be provided remotely, reducing the need for travel and allowing for more flexible scheduling.
- 3. Cost-Effectiveness:** Typically less expensive than in-person interpreting since there are no travel costs.
- 4. Availability:** Often offers a larger number of interpreters available

Disadvantages:

- 1. Technology Dependence:** Requires reliable internet and appropriate devices. Technical issues can disrupt service.
- 2. Less Personal:** The physical absence of the interpreter can impact the personal connection and non-verbal communication understanding.
- 3. Privacy Concerns:** Can raise issues of confidentiality, especially if secure connections are not used.
- 4. Miscommunication:** language needs may not be understood or met by a non-local interpreter.



In-Person Interpreting:

Advantages:

- 1. Personal Interaction:** Facilitates better rapport and trust between the interpreter and the participants, which can be crucial in sensitive or nuanced discussions.
- 2. Non-verbal Cues:** Interpreters can better read and convey non-verbal cues, which are significant in many languages and cultural contexts.
- 3. Immediate Feedback:** Allows for immediate clarification and feedback, which can be important in complex or technical discussions.

Disadvantages:

- 1. Higher Cost:** Typically more expensive due to travel and time costs.
- 2. Limited Availability:** May not be available on short notice or in all geographical locations, especially for less common languages.
- 3. Logistical Challenges:** Requires coordination of schedules and physical spaces, which can complicate arrangements.

In summary, the choice between VRI and in-person interpreting depends heavily on the specific needs of the interaction, the importance of personal rapport, the availability of technology, and most importantly;

The preference of the Deaf individual.