



EHIMA General Policy

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1. EHIMA believes in the right of every hearing-impaired person to hear well. We therefore support the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, esp. Article 23.
2. EHIMA works to build and support public awareness of hearing loss and tinnitus, including information on how to seek help.
3. EHIMA strives to cooperate with both professional and user organizations.
4. EHIMA supports professional counseling and fitting of hearing aids by qualified professionals, who are kept up to date by a mandatory continuing education system. EHIMA believes that the highest quality of hearing care is achieved when users are free to choose their hearing care provider and personally invest in their treatment.
5. EHIMA believes that hearing aids are Medical Devices, for the benefit and safety of the hearing impaired.
6. EHIMA collaborates with the World Health Organization in its efforts to raise awareness on the effects of untreated hearing loss and on the benefits of early intervention.
7. EHIMA supports the introduction of hearing screening programs both for newborns, children and adults, to ensure early intervention and optimum cognitive capacities.
8. EHIMA does not support the use of non-medical amplification devices for treatment of hearing loss, as they are not tested and controlled for the purpose of correcting hearing loss. For maximum user safety, only officially approved medical devices should be used to correct for hearing loss.
9. EHIMA strives to ensure interference-free access to standardized wireless communication.
10. EHIMA abides by the rules of free competition and is strongly committed to upholding all laws for the protection of competition that are applicable. Antitrust laws promote free competition and seek to prevent any kind of unreasonable restraint of trade. Infringement of applicable laws could have serious consequences for EHIMA and its members. EHIMA's compliance measures serve to protect the association as well as the members.