



Seattle's Commission for People with DisAbilities

TV Closed Captioning in Public Places

City of Seattle

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History of Closed Captioning

- ❖ 1972: *The French Chef* (PBS)
- ❖ 1979: *National Captioning Institute* founded

Who Benefits from Closed Captioning

- ❖ Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- ❖ Elderly people
- ❖ People learning English as a second language
- ❖ People with learning disabilities, attention deficits or autism
- ❖ Terminologies and names
- ❖ Sound-sensitive environments
- ❖ Comprehension of dialogue

Accessibility for All: When You Legally Need to Use Closed Captions

- ❖ *1973: Rehabilitation Act - Amendment 504*
- ❖ *1990: Television Decoder Circuitry Act - Congress*
- ❖ *1990: American with Disabilities Act (ADA)*
- ❖ *2010: 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act*

Cities and States with Closed Captioning Laws

- ❖ Portland, Oregon
- ❖ Rochester, New York
- ❖ Ann Arbor, Michigan
- ❖ Pawtucket, Rhode Island
- ❖ San Francisco, California
- ❖ State of Maryland

