



# Switch Kits

Switching is an access method for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). Individuals with complex communication needs may use switching to send messages to others and participate in activities that may otherwise be difficult due to cognitive or physical restrictions. Switches come in a range of shapes and sizes and can be activated by any body part.

Four switch kits have been designed for individuals with diverse sensory needs and skill levels. Switch kits can be provided to appropriate families to help facilitate home practice and generalisation outside of the clinic environment. All four kits include a voice-output device to support the establishment of a functional communication system (BigMack or Talkable 2 switch).

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Switch kits are available for Perth Children's Hospital Rehab patients who meet the following criteria:

- The patient has completed switch trials with a Speech Pathologist and demonstrated emergent switching skills during clinical sessions
- The family have demonstrated AAC buy-in and switch education has been provided within clinical sessions
- The patient is not currently accessing NDIS/COSA funding






**These switch kits must be provided with oversight and approval from a Speech Pathologist. Specific home practice activities must be provided by the patient's managing Speech Pathologist based on the individual patient's goals and current skill level.**

*Switch Kits have been developed by the **Kids Rehab WA team** at Perth Children's Hospital, with funding from the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation and Globe BD.*



# Young Communicators Kit







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Big Mack		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">BIGmack Communicator from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Vibrating Frog		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Vibrating Frog with switch access from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Monkey Switch		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Glow Monkey Toy with Lights and Melodies from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Battery Device Adapter AA		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Battery Device Adapter - AA</a>
Jelly Bean Switch		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Jelly Bean Switch</a>



# Young Communicators Kit – Multi Sensory






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Big Mack		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">BIGmack Communicator from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Vibrating Frog		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Vibrating Frog with switch access from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Jumbo Switch with Vibrations		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Jumbo Switch With Vibrations from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Fan Switch Toy		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Grey Soft Blade Fan- switch adapted from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Battery Device Adapter AA		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Battery Device Adapter - AA</a>
Jelly Bean Switch		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Jelly Bean Switch</a>



# Older Communicators Kit






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Talkable 2		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Talkable 2 Message Communicator from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Vibrating Turtle		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Vibrating Turtle - switch adapted from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Happy Elmo		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Happy &amp; You Know It Elmo from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Battery Device Adapter AA		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Battery Device Adapter - AA</a>
Jelly Bean Switch		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Jelly Bean Switch</a>



# Cause & Effect Kit

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Big Mack		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">BIGmack Communicator from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Light Up Bubble		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Light Up Bubble Machine - switch adapted from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Bump n Go Tractor		Technical Solutions: <a href="#">Bump n Go Musical Tractor from Technical Solutions Australia</a>
Battery Device Adapter AA		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Battery Device Adapter - AA</a>
Jellybean Switch		CommunicATE: <a href="#">Jelly Bean Switch</a>

