



Communication breakdown is the most common barrier Deaf, Deafblind, Deafened and Hard-of-Hearing people face daily





*Deaf teenager panicked when she was locked in dark Metro train close to midnight*

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**TERRIFIED** deaf teenager Vicky Cheung today told how she was trapped alone in the dark after being locked in a late-night Metro at a deserted depot.

Alone, vulnerable, unable to see or hear, Vicky could not contain her panic after the train she was travelling in suddenly came to a stop and was plunged into darkness.

Vicky, 18, who has been profoundly deaf since birth, banged on the door and shouted for help before using her mobile phone to send a text message to her brother Marvin, 19, saying: "Help, I'm stuck on the Metro!"

Marvin said: "I have never known Vicky so upset. She sent me three text messages before I finally understood what she was saying. She was so panicked that she wasn't making sense."

The teenager had thought she was heading for Jesmond station but the train switched off the line into the service depot at Gosforth.

### Alone

After shouting and texting for help, she sat alone in terror before she was finally rescued by a member of the Nexus night staff.

Today Nexus chiefs apologised to the teenager and said they had quizzed the driver.

Vicky, who communicates only through sign language, said: "It was the worst moment of my life. One minute the train was running along and the lights were on and the next everything went pitch black.

"I had no idea the train was going to terminate and then go on

# Metro terror girl texts for rescue



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**Solution**

**\*\*\* Next stop is the last stop \*\*\***



# It will give us ...

- Awareness
- Visual communication
- Equality
- Independence
- Respect

It will not only benefit us ... it will also benefit hearing people who use MP3's or mobiles!

Thank you, hope you enjoyed  
watching!

