



# Jelly Bean Switch

## What is it?

A jelly bean switch provides individuals access to toys and communication. This mechanical switch can be set up with toys or other devices to promote independence and enhance cognitive growth in children. A motor pattern is developed in which individuals are able to independently play and communicate needs within their environment. A few features in which a jelly bean switch can control is the lights in the room, music, toys, powered mobility, and Alexa devices.

## How it Works?

The Jelly bean switch is plugged into any switch adapted device with a standard switch jack. The surface of the jelly bean switch can then be pressed at any switch site to activate the device. Note that a mechanical switch requires the individual to make physical contact with it with a direct movement which not all individuals have that refined movement. The most important thing about the “switch site” is that the switch is placed in a location where the child can *independently* and *voluntarily* activate it. For complicated bodies this is often not through their hands but more likely with their head.

### Switch Site Examples:

1. Hand
2. Head (temple)
3. Elbow
4. Foot



Still don't know the ideal switch site? Call us! We would love to come in person or virtually to problem solve with you on various switch sites that may be accessible for that individual.

*Note: We also have a library of more sensitive switches if strength is an issue. Contact Believe Beyond Ability if your child cannot activate the Jellybean switch. We have many different switches such as a proximity switch for decreased strength.*

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