

Equipment Information for Paediatrics

Caring for a disabled child can involve extra cost. Listed below is a starting point for parents and carers of disabled children giving information about related events and advice on [choosing the right toys for children with disabilities](#).

Staff at Disabled Living aim to help and give advice on products and equipment that may help make daily living both easier and safer.

The Equipz team have extensive knowledge of national and local suppliers of equipment and can offer practical advice and details of where to get most disability products.

Disabled Living has on loan from companies, 100's of different types of disability equipment.

If you wish to try the equipment and to speak at length with an Occupational Therapist about equipment suitable for your needs please telephone Disabled Living for an appointment on:

0161 607 8200

Or email a member of the Equipz team at: equipz@disabledliving.co.uk

In order for staff to give you the right information please include in your email the area where you live or work.

Bear in Mind

Any equipment used must be suitable and safe for the person to use. Everyone will have different requirements and needs, so what may suit one person may be of little or no use to someone else. Also, think about the possibility of using a ceiling track hoist or other free standing hoist equipment to help with bathing and toileting needs.

Where to get Equipment from

There are now many high street shops that sell a vast range of equipment. BUT could you be buying something you are entitled to get from either the NHS or Local Social Services? The offer of equipment from these services is limited. SO if you are in hospital ask to see the hospital Occupational Therapist, if you are at home, contact your local Town Hall for your nearest Social Services Department and if you are in residential care ask the Care Manager. Alternatively visit the Disabled Living **Supplier Directory** ([link](#))

Second-hand Equipment.

Almost all equipment can be bought second-hand. This is a good way of saving money if the equipment is in good working order and is a fraction of the cost new. BUT, do be aware that second-hand goods will have a shorter life-span than new products. Also that warranties will probably have run out or may not be transferable to another owner.

ALWAYS CHECK

- The second-hand goods you are buying are in a good state of repair
- Check no removable parts are missing
- Ask for the original instructions
- Ask to see the equipment working
- Ask about any contacts the seller may have that could service or repair the equipment

BUT perhaps most important of all-don't buy something because it's cheap; buy it because it is safe and suitable for you to use.

Disabled Living advise that people obtain guidance from an Occupational Therapist or other such healthcare professional before purchasing disability equipment.