Contact Numbers

Home Health Service Line 1-855-412-2121 (For Questions, Inquiries, and Referrals)

Canadian Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program Short Term Loan Service

1 – 34220 South Fraser Way Abbotsford

604-556-3526 Hours: Monday to Saturday 11:00-1:00

Senior's Resource Society

9291 Corbould Street Chilliwack Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00-4:00

If you no longer need your equipment

You can help in your community by donating equipment to:

- Canadian Red Cross
 Health Equipment Loan Program
- Auxiliary Medical Equipment Loans, Mission Memorial Hospital

Medical Suppliers

Abbotsford

Abbey Medical Supplies Ltd. #5 - 31813 South Fraser Way 604-850-1755

SelfCare #120 - 2491 McCallum Road 604-852-3191

First Choice Mobility Products #108 - 663 Sumas Way 604-850-2344

Chilliwack

Discount MediQuip 45672 Airport Road 604-392-2929

Locks Home Health Care 9181 Main Street 604-795-9489

The Rehab Shop 9181 Main Street Phon604-792-2002

Langley

A-1 Wheelchairs Unlimited #111- 6360 - 202 Street 604-530-1735

Other Local Pharmacies

Online Classifieds: Medical Equipment Assistlist.ca

We do not endorse or hold any liability for the businesses listed here.

For reference only.

Options for Medical Equipment and Mobility Devices

Abbotsford and Mission area



When you need equipment at home





www.fraserhealth.ca

This information does not replace the advice given to you by your healthcare provider. Catalogue #265504 (May 2020) To order: patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca

Ready to go home?

If you are getting ready to go home from hospital and having problems moving around, we might have one of our Occupational Therapists or Physiotherapists see you. They check if you need any medical equipment or devices so you can safely move about and do everyday activities at home.

If needed, they give you a list of what to get. It is important to get the items as listed so they meet your specific needs and are the right size for you.

Because it can take some time to get what you need, please arrange for someone to get the items before you leave the hospital.

At home?

If you are already at home and having trouble moving around or doing everyday activities, contact your family practitioner (family doctor or nurse practitioner) or call the Home Health Service Line. One of our Home Health professionals can visit to see what equipment or services you might need.

Options for getting equipment

You can borrow, rent, or buy equipment, depending on what it is and how long you might need it.

• Borrow

The Canadian Red Cross loans equipment for short periods of time. Their Health Equipment Loan Program asks that their form be completed by a Home Health professional.

Rent

You can rent equipment from one of the Medical Supply companies listed on the back of this pamphlet.

Buy

Should you need equipment for a long time, it is best to buy what you need.



Buying equipment

The cost of medical equipment is not included in our Basic Medical Services Plan (MSP) health coverage.

There are different places where you might be able to get some help with the costs. Your healthcare team can help you find out if you qualify for funding support. They can also help you navigate the process of getting the equipment.

Smaller items (examples):

- canes bath seats
- walkers
- crutches
 - raised toilet seats

- bed assist bars

These can be bought new from your local pharmacy or online medical suppliers. You can buy used from a consignment or thrift stores, or online buy and sell sites.

Larger items (examples):

- lifts hospital beds
- wheelchairs specialty mattresses

These can be expensive. They might need to be installed, custom fit, and/or maintained. If you prefer, you could buy used.

Note: If you choose to buy used, you are responsible for making sure it is suitable for your and working properly.

Help with costs

You might be able to get help with the costs if you have:

- extended health benefits
- 'Persons With Disability' status
- Veteran's Health Benefits
- First Nations Health Benefits
- an injury related to an ICBC or WorkSafeBC claim
- an injury as a victim of a crime and qualify for compensation
- Note: Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefit does not cover medical equipment.

There are programs to support people with limited income, including:

- The Red Cross Aids to Independent Living (AIL)
- BC Rehab Foundation
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
- Muscular Dystrophy and Muscular Sclerosis (MS) Societies
- Home Adaptations for Independence
 Program

*These organizations ask for information about your finances.

Other sources for support can include charitable service organizations (such as BC Rehab Foundation, Rotary Club, or Lions Club).