



Accessibility Matters: Assistive Devices, Repairs & Rental

Red Cross – Health Equipment Loan Program:

- short-term community-based service – donations of used equipment.
- need referral from:
Physician,
Physio
Therapist,
Occupational
Therapist,
Chiropractor,
Registered
Nurse, LPN,
Dietitians (IV
Only)

Vernon office:
Contact info
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Facts:

Assistive Devices or Mobility Aids can be many different things...

- Wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes, crutches, prosthetic devices, or orthotic devices (braces that help support weakened muscles while walking).
- Hearing aids to help hear more clearly.
- Cognitive aids, like computers or electrical assistive devices to help with memory, attention, or other challenges to do with thinking.
- Computer software & hardware (voice recognition programs, screen readers, screen enlargement applications, all mobility devices to help people with using computers & mobile devices).
- Tools like book holders, page turners, adaptive pencil grips, to help learners participate in educational classes.
- Closed captioning to help people with hearing impairments watch movies or shows on television.
- Physical modifications to buildings to make them more accessible like ramps, railings, grab bars, wider doors.
- Lightweight high-performance mobility devices to make it more accessible to play sports and be physically active.
- Adaptive switches or utensils that assist people do daily activities like eat or play games.
- Adaptive equipment to help with everyday activities like special tools for cooking, specialized grips, devices that extend reaching ability, special lights on phones or doorbells.

Where to find Technology Assistive Devices or get Repairs:

- **Assistive Technology BC (ATBC)**: helps people with permanent disabilities get assistive technology for barriers to employment or education. Ph: 604-264-8295 Address: #108, 1750 W 75th Ave. Vancouver, BC V6P 6S1, website: www.at-bc.ca
- **Neil Squire Society**: offers assistive technology services to help remove technology barriers. Head Office: #400 – 3999 Henning Dr. Burnaby, BC V5C 6P9 Ph: 604-473-9363, Fax: 604-473-9364, Toll free: 1-877-673-4636, website: www.neilsquire.ca
- **Communication Assistance for Youth & Adults (CAYA)**: access to communication tools & professional support to keep it working. 700 – 655 West Kent Ave. N Vancouver, BC V6P 6T7 Ph: 604-326-3500, Fax: 604-266-2463, website: www.cayabc.org
- **Special Education Technology (SET)**: Ministry of Education in partnership with BC schools lends assistive technology to districts for students use & provide education on how to use it. Ph: 604-261-9450

Where to find Mobility Assistance Devices and get Repairs:

- **Canadian Disability Resource Society**: providing recycled medical equipment. Recycle, Renew & Reintegrate. Ph: 604-261-9450 Website: www.canasstech.com
- **Alliance Mobility Solutions**: Specializes in providing Mobility Vehicle Solutions. 1075 McCurdy Rd. Kelowna, BC V1X 2P9 Ph: (844)237-3705
- **Advanced Mobility Products LTD**: From wheelchairs & mobility scooters to lift chairs and home care products, Advanced Mobility strives to facilitate the progression of every individual to achieve their fullest potential, freedom, comfort and safety. Also, providing longterm service solutions for the equipment. Equipment can be leased. #4-1495 Dilworth Drive Kelowna, BC V1Y 9N5 Ph: 250-860-9920, Emergency Ph: 1-800-665-4442, website: www.advancedmobility.ca
- **National Seating & Mobility**: Specializes in mobility assessment and repair operations of a wide array of products and equipment including: manual/powered wheelchairs, scooters, and home care products like beds, mattresses & other daily living aids. Will do out of town service. Equipment can be rented and do have installers. 4206-25th Ave. Vernon, BC V1T 1P4 Ph: 250-549-7288, Fax: 250-549-7281, Toll free: 1-866-942-7288, website: www.nsm-seating.com
- **Motion Cares Vernon (formerly known as Creative Mobility)**: have mobility, hospital, medical & home care supplies. Complete service shop & certified fitters for brands they carry. Equipment can be rented. #3 – 3100 35th St. Vernon, BC V1T 9H4 Ph: 250-542-0677, e-mail: vernon@motioncares.ca

Possible Funding for equipment:

- **National Seating and Mobility**: Offer several payment and financing options to help you get equipment and services needed. Website: www.nsm-seating.com
- **Motion Cares Vernon (formerly known as Creative Mobility)**: contracted with Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, funding information for Work BC, Veteran's Affairs, NHIB, ALS Society, MS Society, Private Insurance, etc. Ph:250-542-0677
- **Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction**: if receiving Persons with Disability assistance (Provincial Assistance), eligible for funding assistance for mobility aids, hearing aids, CPAP machines, orthotics, custom-made footwear, hospital beds, bathing and toileting aids, and non-conventional glucose meters. Also, there is \$100 supplement per month if people with profound hearing loss in both ears who cannot significantly benefit from use of a hearing instrument. Toll free: 1-866-866-0800
- **Veteran's Affairs Canada**: focus on funding across Canada for Veteran's rehabilitation equipment including mobility aids, daily living aids, or environmental adaptations.
- **Red Cross – Health Equipment Loan Program**: Vernon office: 2719 44th Ave. Vernon, BC V1T 8E9 Ph: 250-545-3111 Fax: 250-545-3116
- **President's Choice Children's Charity**: provide direct financial assistance in purchase of mobility equipment, environmental modifications. Ph: 1-866-996-9918
- **HearingLife, Vernon – Hearing Centre**: can book a free test for hearing and no purchase necessary. 3100 - 35th St. Vernon, BC V1T 9H4 Ph: 1-888-379-2292
- **Lions Club (Vernon)** – support many community causes and individuals. To request funding the form is on-line: <https://www.vernonlionsclub.ca/request-for-funds-1.html>