



# Equipment

Equipment for people with SCI can cover a wide range of items from specialised personal items such as cutlery to pool hoists, car hoists etc. Equipment assists people to achieve independence in their community and lifestyle.

The aim when ordering any equipment is to provide what is necessary for you to achieve independence.

Equipment is ordered following detailed trials of different items. A health professional is involved in the trial process and in conjunction with the person with a SCI recommend the most suitable piece of equipment. Customised equipment to meet specific individualised needs may also be arranged.

## Sources of equipment

Depending on who is financing your equipment, it may come from:

- Work Cover NSW
- Compulsory Third Party Insurance
- Self funded
- Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP).

## Repair and maintenance of equipment

The method of organisation for maintenance and repair of equipment will vary depending on who is paying for the equipment. For repair of equipment funded through the PADP you will need to contact your local PADP coordinator. Most new equipment will be supplied with maintenance instructions and warranties. Correct maintenance and care of your equipment will prolong its lifespan.

It is important that you have your equipment reviewed regularly. This can be arranged through a ParaQuad Occupational Therapist by calling the Intake Officer on **02 8741 5674**.

Equipment (powered and manual wheelchairs, hoist, bed and commodes) should be reviewed approximately every five years to ensure it is still appropriate for your needs. However should your condition alter or accommodation change a review may be required before this.

Cushions and mattresses should be checked more regularly. Some foam cushions and mattresses should be changed yearly.



## Further Information

For advice on specific equipment contact:

- ParaQuad NSW  
Freecall: **1800 424 096** (outside metropolitan Sydney)  
Customer Service Centre ..... **02 8741 5600**
- A physiotherapist
- An occupational therapist

For loan or hire of equipment contact:

- The Independent Living Centre lists all companies that hire / loan equipment. Look for your nearest supplier or pharmacy. For information call **1300 885 886** or visit **www.ilcnsw.asn.au**
- ParaQuad NSW  
Freecall: **1800 424 096** (outside metropolitan Sydney)  
Clinical Services Intake/Information Officer ..... **02 8741 5674**
- Your local Equipment Loan Pool (located at your local hospital)



### For custom-made equipment contact:

- Technical Aid to the Disabled Inc. .... **02 9808 2022**
- ParaQuad NSW  
Freecall: **1800 424 096** (*outside metropolitan Sydney*)
- Clinical Services Intake/Information Officer ..... **02 8741 5674**
- PADP (Program of Appliances for Disabled People) information  
is available from NSW Health, call **02 9391 9000** or PADP direct **02 9424 5827**.  
You can visit **www.health.nsw.gov.au** or phone your local  
area health centre or local hospital for PADP information.
- The manufacturer or supplier of your equipment
- Compulsory Third Party Insurance (depends on Insurance Company)
- Your local Community Health Centre
- Contact the Independent Living Centre NSW Inc. .... **1300 885 886**
- Contact any of the professionals already discussed for advice about  
your particular situation

#### List your most frequently used suppliers and their phone numbers below:

- Ventilator: .....
- Oxygen Supply: .....
- Other respiratory supplies: (eg. tracheostomy tubes) .....
- Other medical supplies: (eg. dressings) .....
- Manual Wheelchair: .....
- Power wheelchair: .....
- Shower chair: .....
- Commode: .....
- Padded Toilet Seat: .....
- Hoist/sling: .....
- Other lifting equipment: .....
- Cushion: .....
- Backrest: .....
- Bed: .....
- Mattresses: .....
- Sliding board: .....
- Environmental control units (ECU's): .....
- Others: .....



### For further information on equipment

- Independent Living Centre NSW Inc. .... **1300 885 886**
- Personal Equipment & Continence supplies (PECS)  
ParaQuad NSW ..... **02 8741 5600**
- ParaQuad Engineering ..... **02 8741 5612** or **02 8741 5684**
- Program of Appliances for Disabled People  
(PADP) call your local hospital ..... **www.health.nsw.gov.au**
- SCI Australia: Freecall **1800 819 775** ..... **02 9661 8855**
- Technical Aid for Disabled People (TAD) ..... **02 9808 2022**
- Telstra's Disability Equipment Program ..... **1800 068 424** or **1800 808 981**  
..... **www.telstra.com.au/disability/index.htm**