



Our namesake
The Venerable Mary Potter

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding the equipment and/or it is no longer required, please contact:

- The Palliative Care Co-ordinator assigned to your care
- Mary Potter Hospice Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist at:

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Assistive
Equipment

What is assistive equipment?

Assistive equipment is equipment that can help people to be as independent and as safe as possible in their daily lives.

Having an illness can make everyday tasks (such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation and mobility) increasingly difficult.

Using assistive equipment can help you to continue to do things for yourself for longer, and make everyday living easier and safer.

There are many types of assistive equipment such as shower stools, bath equipment, commodes, toilet frames, furniture aids and adaptations, and mobility aids such as walking frames wheelchairs and hoists.

An Occupational Therapist can visit or meet with you to assess if any equipment is needed in your home. They can advise on equipment, adaptations or strategies that may be helpful to meet your individual needs.

Where does the equipment come from?

Short term loan equipment may come from:

- Capital and Coast District Health Board (C&CDHB), Central Equipment Pool (CEP)
- Mary Potter Hospice

This is subject to availability and models may vary.

Hospice staff may help you access equipment from either source.

When equipment is loaned, you will sign a short term loan form. It is important to keep this as a record of what you have borrowed and where it has been loaned from.

Some items (usually under \$50.00) may need to be self funded and there may also be other items you would like to hire or purchase yourself. The Occupational Therapist can assist you with further information and supplier details.

Unfortunately, short term loan equipment is unable to be issued to non New Zealand residents.

How long can I borrow items for?

- Equipment can be loaned only on a short term basis. You may already have some equipment from a previous provider. If requiring items for longer than six months you may be referred to the C&CDHB Community occupational therapy service for assessment for long term equipment (known as ENABLE funded equipment). This process can take some time, so is not always appropriate for people with palliative conditions and changing needs.
- Equipment must be returned when no longer required by you, or if you go into a care facility or are discharged from the service.
- Equipment on loan from Mary Potter Hospice or the C&CDHB, CEP cannot be taken into residential care facilities. If you are going into a care facility, discuss with the facility what they are able to provide and what you may have to provide yourself.

Notes on equipment use

- Please note that equipment in the region is often in short supply, and needs to be returned promptly when no longer needed.
- Some items are hired by C&CDHB, CEP and this incurs a weekly or daily rental charge which is covered by C&CDHB.
- Any equipment you borrow is for your use only and must be looked after and used correctly.

Returning equipment

- Equipment provided by Mary Potter Hospice is only on loan for the duration of time that you are under the hospice service. Please clean and return all Mary Potter Hospice equipment to the hospice base in your area.
- To arrange the return of any C&CDHB, CEP equipment - contact the district nurse service or hospice team for further information.
- Usually items are well labelled so you know who and where to return them to.

