

## 3.5

**Are you an older adult and need specialised aids and equipment?****Do you need mobility assistance equipment or other equipment?**

The Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP) may be able to help you access aids, equipment and necessary home modifications (such as rails). Sometimes you also have to make a contribution to the purchase cost. Equipment needs to be prescribed by a Therapist, the Therapist can also make contact with the A&EP on your behalf.

To find out more and receive an application form contact your local A&EP provider located at:

Austin Health – Banyule: 9496 4094

Royal Melbourne Hospital - Parkville: 8387 2251 - Hume, Moreland

Royal Children's Hospital (up to 18 years) 9345 5964

St Vincent's Hospital, Darebin (Sth), Melbourne, Yarra: 9288 3858

The Northern Hospital: Nillumbik, Darebin (Nth), Whittlesea: 8405 8594

Western Hospital Sunshine, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Brimbank, Melton:, Hobsons Bay, Wyndham: 8345 1267

**Would you like to trial equipment before making the decision to purchase?**

Yooralla Equipment Library at the Independent Living Centre, Brooklyn Phone 9362 6111 (Monday to Friday).

Royal Children's Hospital Equipment Distribution Centre on 9345 5325.

Victorian Continence Resource Centre may have some sample products that you can try call them on 9816 8266.

ComTEC Disability Communication and Technology Solutions at the Independent Living Centre, Brooklyn 9362 6111  
**Fees and Charges may apply.**

**Is the equipment not quite meeting your needs?**

If conventional equipment is not meeting your needs, you may be able to get some custom designed equipment or modifications done. Volunteers do this and you only pay for the cost of materials and travel expenses.  
Contact TADVIC 9853 8655

**Do you require information on Continence Products?**

Read information sheet 4.8 of this kit, 'Information on continence products for people with a disability'.

**Other options:**

Some other options for obtaining equipment include:

**The Regional Disability Support Initiative (RDSI )** contact DHS Intake and Response **Team on** 1800 783 783.

**The Variety Club** provides assistance to children with special needs for things such as equipment call them on 8698 3900.

Your local **Lions or Rotary Club** may be able to help you fundraise.

**The Equipment Recycling Network** has a range of second hand equipment for sale. Phone 03 9879 5211 or visit their website [www.erni.asn.au](http://www.erni.asn.au).

**Do you need specialised telecommunications equipment?**

**Telstra Disability Equipment Program** is for Telstra customers – specialised equipment is available to ensure access to telecommunications for all. Products are hired at the same rate as the standard telephone supplied and include things such as Teletypewriters (TTY), computer modems, hands free phones and accessories like volume control and visual alerts. Free call 1800 068 424 or TTY 1800 808 981.