

Bowen Library Med Shed Equipment Loans

Bowen Island Public Library is pleased to offer the storage and lending of medical equipment to residents of Bowen Island. All equipment is lent in as-is condition and on a first come first served basis, and is lent for a 3 month period free of charge. The loan period may be extended upon request and if available. No fines, fees or penalties are imposed for lending of equipment.

What steps do you take to borrow equipment?

1. Talk to a medical practitioner (your doctor, therapist, etc) for advice and suggestions on the equipment you need (type, size, special features, etc.) and for information on the appropriate use of that equipment. **Library staff and volunteers cannot and will not offer advice or suggestions on what equipment you should borrow or how to use it.**
2. Check with library staff for information about the equipment available to lend. Equipment cannot be reserved or held. It is available on a first come first served basis only.
3. Come to the library during our regular open hours to select the equipment you need.
4. Read the library's Equipment Loan Policies (on reverse) and complete and sign the Equipment Loan Waiver form. The waiver forms are available at the library.
5. Clean all equipment prior to returning it to the Bowen Island Public Library.

Before any assistive device or equipment may be loaned, the following Equipment Loan Policies must be read and understood, and an Equipment Loan Waiver form must be read, understood and signed by any potential borrower of devices available for loan by Bowen Island Public Library.

Examples of the kind of equipment we lend:

Mobility Aids

Manual wheelchairs

Walking Aids

Crutches

Standard walkers (no wheels)

Two-wheeled walkers

Four-wheeled walkers *

Canes

Quad canes

Toileting Aids

Stationary commodes

Raised toilet seats with arms

Raised toilet seat without arms

Aids to Daily Living

Bed assists (support rails)

Grabber device

IV pole

Bath Aids

Bath seats with or without backs

Tub transfer benches

Tub grips - various sizes



Equipment Loan Policies

1. Requests to borrow equipment may be made by any Bowen Island resident or visitor; however, a valid Bowen Island Public Library card must be used to borrow equipment.
2. The borrower agrees to comply with any limitation that may be part of the loan and sign an Equipment Loan Waiver.
3. The borrower agrees to return all loaned equipment clean and in good working condition.
4. In the event that the equipment is damaged, broken or stops working properly, it is the responsibility of the borrower to stop using the equipment immediately and to notify the Bowen Island Public Library as soon as possible.
6. The equipment is loaned for an initial three (3) month period. Extended loans are available upon request and as available.
7. Once you are no longer using the item you borrowed, please return it as soon as possible. Others may be in need and waiting for it to be returned.
8. Equipment is provided on a first come first served basis. Holds, requests and waiting lists are not accepted at this time.

DONATIONS

Equipment

Donations of gently used equipment are gratefully accepted. Depending on current stock of equipment, we will accept:

Wheelchairs

Walkers

Crutches (metal only)

Canes (metal only)

Bath and shower chairs or bars

Grab rails (bed and bath)

We cannot accept soft items such as upholstered or fabric covered equipment (pillows, Obus forms, etc) or any personal hygiene items or equipment.

Monetary donations

The Med Shed is a free service. In order to maintain and replace equipment we have a small fund established. If you wish to donate to the Med Shed fund, donations can be made to the *Bowen Island Public Library Foundation* noting the donation as a Med Shed donation. Upon request tax receipts can be issued for all donations of \$50.00 or more.