



Where to get equipment cheap

Medical equipment can be very expensive and at times you may need to think about purchasing used items that don't cost as much. It is important to speak with your rehab team when thinking about buying used equipment and always have your OT or PT examine the equipment before you buy it. Remember

- Buyer beware, the equipment is used and may not last as long
- The equipment may not come with any money back guarantee or a warranty
- You may have to pay a separate vendor to fix the item if it breaks down
- Equipment may need repairs before you can use the item safely

Silver Cross Recycled and New HealthCare Equipment (416-755-1164)

Donna Walters (dwalters@silvercross.com)
2700 Dufferin St., Unit 35, Toronto Ontario, M6B 4J3
<http://www.silvercross.com/locations/Toronto.html>

Canadian Red Cross (416-236-3180)

The Red Cross has a Health Equipment Loan Program where equipment is rented for a small fee at many locations in and around the GTA. Here is a list of what they offer:

- Wheelchairs
- Canes
- Bath transfer benches
- Raised toilet seats
- Tub grab bars
- Walkers
- Crutches
- Commodes
- Wheeled commodes
- Rollator walkers
- Bath seats
- Versa frames
- Wheeled walkers

<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=015828&tid=001>

Advocare Canada (416-248-1444)

Ronald G. Pocklington (ron@advocarecanada.ca)
Office/warehouse (By appointment only)
15 McCulloch Avenue, Unit 2, Toronto M9W 4M5

Canadian Paraplegic Association

- CPA paper postings on bulletin board located by the SCI Resource Centre
- CPA Swap and Shop online bulletin board for used equipment

<http://www.canparaplegic.org/en/187>

Other ideas

- Vendors that your rehab team work with do have some used equipment: Shoppers Home Health Care, Motion Specialties, and HME.
- Classified ads such as www.craigslist.ca and www.kijiji.ca can be good resources for used equipment but again BUYER BEWARE!
- Family or friends may have equipment they no longer use
- Speak to your OT for a list of more companies that sell used equipment

Contact your Occupational Therapist for more information.

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