

The Occupational Therapist at your local Social Services Department or even your local hospital will be able to advise you on appliances and adaptations. Always check whether any appliances or gadgets required are supplied by Social Services or the National Health Service before you go ahead and decide to buy. Contact local Disabled Living Centres, the Disabled Living Foundation or your local Dial UK group for details of suppliers and manufacturers.

If you are thinking of buying equipment from a commercial firm, we strongly suggest that you get professional advice first – to avoid spending a lot of money on something which may not be what is wanted. People who are disabled are exempt from paying VAT on some equipment – there is a leaflet available from your local HM customs and Excise VAT Office: 'VAT Relief for People with Disabilities Notice No.701/7/94'

### **Disabled Living Centres Council**

1 Redbank House  
4 St Chad's Street  
Cheetham  
Manchester M8 8QA  
Tel: 0870 770 2866  
Fax: 0870 770 2867  
Text phone: 0870 770 5813  
Email: [general.info@assist-uk.org](mailto:general.info@assist-uk.org)  
Website: [www.assist-uk.org](http://www.assist-uk.org)

These centres have a wide range of equipment on display as well as mail order catalogues. Many centres offer advice on cost and usage – call for an advisory appointment with a qualified Occupational Therapist.

### **The Disability Equipment Register**

4 Chatterton road  
Yate  
Bristol BS37 4BJ  
Tel: 01454 318818

This is a non-profit organisation which helps disabled people and their families sell or exchange items and special equipment.

### **Yourable.com**

Email: [info@yourable.com](mailto:info@yourable.com)  
Website: [www.youreable.com](http://www.youreable.com)

Information, services and products for disabled people.

### **Remap**

D9 Chaucer Business Park  
Kemsing, Kent TN15 6YU  
Tel: 01732 883818  
Fax: 01732 886238  
Email: [info@remap.org.uk](mailto:info@remap.org.uk)  
Website: [www.remap.org.uk](http://www.remap.org.uk)

May be able to help if you require a specially adapted item which is outside the range of standard aid products or equipment available.

## **The Foundation for Assisted Technology**

31 Scarborough Street  
London E1 8DR  
Tel: 0207 264 8955  
Email: [info@fastuk.org](mailto:info@fastuk.org)

Distributes wide range of reference books providing in-depth information on equipment and self help devices. Each product included has been examined and accessed by professionals and tested by disabled people.

## **British Red Cross**

44 Moorfields  
London EC2Y 9AL  
Tel: 0844 871 11 11  
Fax: 020 7562 2000  
Website: [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

Red Cross Medical Loan Service:

Has a network of medical loan depots which can lend aids and equipment, (such as commodes, wheelchairs, walking aids) for urgent short-term needs. Medical Loan is handled on a local basis. Details of the nearest depot are available from your local branch of the British Red Cross Society (see telephone directory or website).

**St John's Ambulance Brigade** may also be able to help in some areas (see local phonebook for contact details).

## **Exhibitions:**

### **Naidex Exhibition**

Naidex is organised by **Emap Connect**  
Greater London House  
Hampstead Road  
London  
NW1 7EJ

Tel: 0207728 4262  
Email: [info@naidex.co.uk](mailto:info@naidex.co.uk)

Every year Naidex holds exhibitions in the UK that are full of information on a wide range of equipment and services.

### **No Limits - Independent Living Exhibition**

Organiser: F2F Events Ltd, 119 High Street,  
Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 2NZ

Website: [www.f2fevents.co.uk](http://www.f2fevents.co.uk)

No limits website and registration: [www.nolimitsshow.com/nolimits/show\\_link1.asp](http://www.nolimitsshow.com/nolimits/show_link1.asp)

Held at ExCel London in September.

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