

Making life easier – equipment and transport options if you have a disability

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY there are lots of options to make it easier for you to go about your day-to-day life and enjoy it to the fullest.

The organisations listed below offer specialist equipment to help you do just that, whether it's making you more mobile or making your living space more user-friendly. In addition, there are ideas for transport options that are designed to make travel more comfortable and accessible for you.

Equipment

▶ **Adaptive Technology Services** provides communication solutions for people with disabilities.

Ph 528 7600

Where? 33A Tararua Street, Trentham

Email info@adaptivetech.co.nz

www.adaptivetech.co.nz

▶ **Braiden International** are manufacturers of Gentle Giant, an innovative range of quality mobility products for elderly and disabled people including vehicle adaptation.

Ph 0800 436 853/ 06 379 8726

Where? 127 Belvedere Rd, Carterton

Email hoist@gentlegiant.co.nz

www.gentlegiant.co.nz

▶ **Enable New Zealand** assists disabled people, their families and support network with access to funding of equipment, housing alterations, vehicle purchase and modification, needs assessments and service co-ordination.

Ph 0800 ENABLE

Email enable@enable.co.nz

www.enable.co.nz

▶ **Mobility and Beyond** sell and hire mobility scooters, wheelchairs, walking sticks and disability aids.

Ph 589 2014

Where? 44 Cedar St, Maungaraki, Lower Hutt

www.mobilityandbeyond.co.nz

▶ **Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind** provides vision-related services to blind, deaf, blind and vision-impaired people.

Ph 380 2160

Where? 121 Adelaide Road, Newtown, Wellington 6021

Transport

▶ **Walking is overrated** has online disability news, views and reviews.

www.walkingisoverrated.com

Email red@walkingisoverrated.com

▶ **Hutt and City Taxis** have Total Mobility vans available for customers with disabilities.

Ph 570 0059

Where? 20 Victoria Street, Lower Hutt

Email office@hutt-city-taxis.co.nz

www.huttcitytaxi.co.nz

▶ **Metlink** is Greater Wellington's public transport network. Contact them for service routes and timetables.

Ph 0800 801 700

Email info@metlink.org.nz

www.metlink.org.nz

▶ **Tranz Metro Rail Service** provides a mobility impaired access guide available on the web address below. Inquiries can also be made by phone.

Ph 0800 801 700

www.tranzmetro.co.nz

▶ **Wellington Combined Taxis** has Total Mobility vans available for customers with disabilities.

Ph 384 4444

Email bookings@taxi.co.nz

www.taxi.co.nz

▶ **More on the next page...**



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Upper Hutt City Council

▶ **CCS Disability Action** provides services and support for all people with disabilities.

Ph 568 9000 / 0800 227 200

Where? L2, 191 High St, Lower Hutt

Email

wellington.admin@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

Some ideas for transport options

There are schemes operated by a variety of providers to help you with your travel requirements in the Wellington region. You may need to apply for some services and have your need verified.

CCS Disability Action will supply application forms and information about getting a Mobility Parking Permit. Their contact details are listed above.

Greater Wellington Regional Council is responsible for Total Mobility, a subsidized taxi service for people with disabilities where the traveler only pays for half the taxi fare. Contact details for this service are listed under Metlink overleaf.

Wellington Combined and Hutt and City taxi companies also have Total Mobility taxi vans available. Their contact details are listed overleaf.

For those with vision impairments, **the Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind** provides ID cards to members, giving them reduced train fares. Foundation members also have access to 50% discount taxi vouchers. Their contact details are listed overleaf.

The trains on the Hutt line have wheel chair ramps to assist with getting on and off the trains. If you are unfamiliar with the service **Tranz Metro** strongly recommend a first journey on an off-peak train in the middle of the day, to help you become familiar with the process. Contact details overleaf.

Buses that have lower floors and can 'kneel' (lower to pavement level) operate on routes 81, 83, 84, 85, 90 and 110. If you need to travel in a group, or on another service, special arrangements can sometimes be made in advance. Contact Valley Flyer; ph (04) 802 4100. For timetable details and any other questions contact Metlink (contact details above).

A map of **accessible car parks** in the Upper Hutt CBD can be found on the Upper Hutt City Council website: www.upperhuttcity.govt.nz. Wellington City Council also has maps of accessible car parks, toilets, ATMs and other services on their website: www.wellington.govt.nz.