

## Neighbors InDeed

### Medical Equipment Loan Program – Ready for You

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Its almost spring with this fine weather. Would you like to get out more and see your neighbors and neighborhood, go up to the Orchard Creek Lodge and see a show or have a meal, go shopping or to the library, or maybe just get out for a drive (with a few stops along the way)? Yes, but you stay home because you are not feeling quite stable and you're concerned about your safety.

Neighbors InDeed has an answer for you. On a short-term basis, we can loan you medical equipment that fits your needs and could help you determine whether you should purchase such equipment for yourself. We have reachers, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs ramps, and transport chairs, and have added knee scooters and stand-up walkers, all to make life a bit easier. There is a variety of sizes and styles for each type.

The equipment is kept in a secured well-organized storage unit in Lincoln. Twenty-one trained volunteers clean and sanitize each piece of equipment when it is returned before its placed storage ready resident.

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months, but our loans decreased due to delays in surgeries. Loans are now increasing as we go back to our new “normal.” We can also loan equipment to residents’ visitors so they do not have to bring medical equipment, such as a wheelchair, on a plane.

How does this work? Just call 916-223-2763 to reach the Neighbors InDeed message center and leave your name, phone number, and request. If you’re unable to make the call, a family member or friend can do it. A volunteer will call back for more information as needed. Then a Medical Equipment Program volunteer will call to request information to ensure the size is correct and to arrange delivery. (When you’re finished with it, call to let us know, and we’ll pick it up.)

If it sounds too easy, it’s because it is. If you know when you’ll need a wheelchair or some other mobility device, call us one to three days before you need it, and we’ll make sure you have it in time.

So, if you’re ready to get out and see the world, or your neighborhood, give us a call.

*Please remember that we do not answer the phone. Leave us a message at 916-223-2763, and we will return your call as promptly as possible between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Check out our website at [neighborsindeed.org](http://neighborsindeed.org).*