

## How the H.E.L.P. program works

Through the H.E.L.P. program, the Addison Fire District brings together a caring community of those who need the equipment we offer and the generous community members who support the program so that we can continue to serve persons who are able to recover or convalesce in the privacy of their own residence, thus preserving their respect and dignity during a time of personal need.

The equipment available from the Addison Fire District is provided free of charge, without cost to the patient, their family members and caregivers. The District accepts and loans the following medical equipment items:

- Walkers of all types
- Crutches
- Reachers
- Tub benches
- Canes
- Wheelchairs

For a complete list of available medical equipment, you wish to donate a piece of medical equipment, or you need any other information, please contact the Addison Fire District office at (630) 628-3100.



### **ADDISON FIRE PROTECTION**

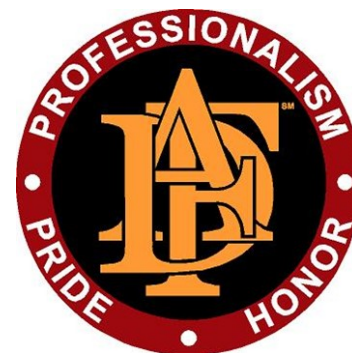
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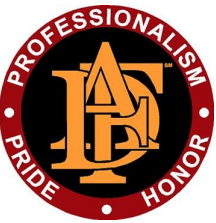
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### **ADDISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1**



## Health Equipment Loan Program **H.E.L.P.**



## Addison Fire District Health Equipment Loan Program (H.E.L.P.)

In our lifetime, many of us may face an accident, surgery or illness that requires the use of assistive medical devices. The National Safety Council estimates that more than 25 million Americans slip and fall every year, and 25,000 of these accidents require hospitalization. During recovery, people often need the use of a wheelchair, walker or other assistive medical equipment.

When the need for medical equipment arises, most people with health insurance must pay at least a portion of that cost out of their own pockets. For others, there is no insurance at all. Both add to the financial burden of the mounting medical bills and missed work.

The Addison Fire District H.E.L.P. program collects, cleans and repairs used medical equipment for short-term loan to those in need. Re-using the equipment creates savings not only for the individuals, but also for the environment.

This is a cost-effective program. The Addison Fire District does not purchase new equipment. We rely on people no longer needing their equipment to donate it. Then our volunteers or staff help repair and sanitize the equipment. The equipment is loaned and once a patient no longer needs, the individual returns it.

The process starts over again.

### ANYONE WITH A NEED MAY BORROW EQUIPMENT:

- \* You are recovering from an injury or surgery.
- \* You want to try the equipment before buying it.
- \* You are waiting for insurance coverage approval.
- \* You are helping a friend or relative accept the idea of using equipment.
- \* You are ill and uncertain about the period of need.
- \* You are a visitor to the area who may not be able to transport your own equipment.

### How to borrow medical equipment from the Addison Fire District H.E.L.P.

- \* Determine what you need, including size, special features, etc.
- \* Talk to your doctor or therapist if you have questions on specific needs.
- \* Call the number below to inquire about equipment availability and to arrange a time to pick up the equipment.

Phone: 630-628-3100 during business hours, M-F  
from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Addison Fire Protection District is in need of your assistance. We are looking for donations of gently used durable medical equipment for our H.E.L.P. program, so we can provide this equipment for patients who are unable to afford this equipment. We are seeking:

- \* Walkers of all types
- \* Crutches
- \* Reachers
- \* Tub benches
- \* Canes
- \* Wheelchairs

If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please call (630) 628-3100. We will ensure that all donated equipment is safe and clean for reuse. Thank you in advance for your support!



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