

# AT Reuse Centers



**Ability  
Tools**

Assistive Technology Network

## What is AT Reuse?

Assistive technology (AT) is any object, device or tool used to make life easier. AT reuse is the process of taking in used equipment, cleaning and sanitizing it, (some programs even repair) and then providing it to a new owner for little or no cost.



Refurbished Scooter

## About Ability Tools

Ability Tools connects Californians with disabilities to assistive technology devices, tools and services to make life easier.

Ability Tools provides a variety of services: short-term device loans; an online marketplace to find free or low-cost used devices; a financial loan program; a toll-free information and referral line; online and in-person trainings; and an informational website with resources and search tools.

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## **What are AT Reuse Centers?**

Reuse centers are places that accept donations of gently used medical equipment or other AT devices. Centers are responsible for cleaning and/or repairing devices before giving them away or selling them at low-cost to people with disabilities.

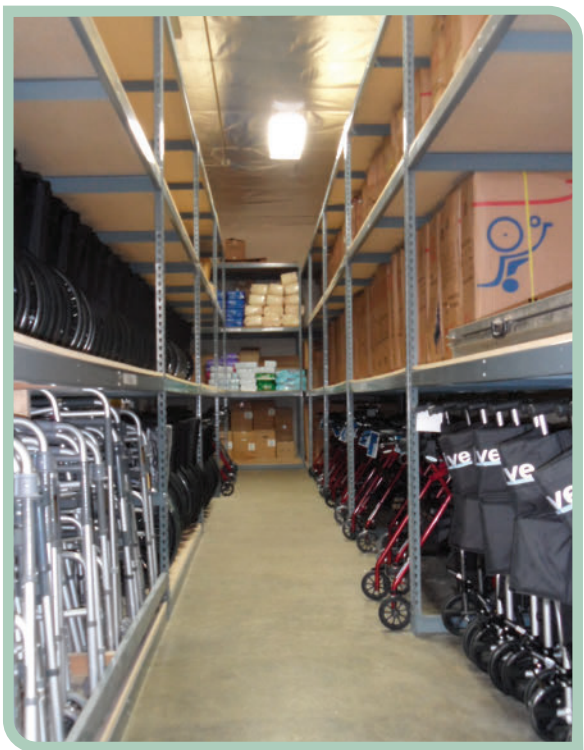


## **What are the benefits of AT Reuse?**

- Provides free or low-cost gently used equipment for people with disabilities that need it, such as when insurance doesn't cover it or if someone doesn't have any insurance.
- Provides equipment to those who need it on a short-term basis, such as when someone is injured.
- Saves money, resources and helps the environment by reusing good equipment.

## What Equipment Can Be Reused?

- Durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, scooters, shower chairs, patient lifts, hospital beds and walkers
- Low-tech AT, such as magnifiers and reachers
- High-tech AT, including digital devices, computers and augmentative & alternative communication (AAC) devices.



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## How do I find used devices for free or for low-cost?

The AT Exchange is a FREE service that connects Californians to the assistive technology devices they need to live independently. To search for gently used equipment that is free or low-cost throughout California, visit [exchange.abilitytools.org](https://exchange.abilitytools.org)

Please contact the reuse center directly to find out what equipment is currently available.



## How do I donate equipment?

- You can find a list of reuse centers that accept donations on the Ability Tools website at [abilitytools.org](https://abilitytools.org)
- For more information on reuse in California, visit the California Assistive Technology Reuse Coalition's website, [californiareuse.org](https://californiareuse.org)