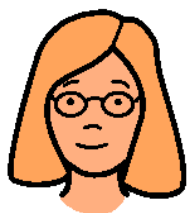


Factors to Consider

Assistive Technology (AT) is any piece of equipment or system whether acquired commercially, off the shelf, modified or customised that allows an individual to perform a task that they would otherwise be unable to do, or increase the ease and safety with which the task can be performed (ILCA).

Some things to consider:



Person

- ☐ What can you do?
- ☐ What are you having difficulties with?
- ☐ What do you want to be able to do?
- ☐ What works and keeps you safe?
- ☐ What are your personal preferences?



Environment

- ☐ Where will the device be used?
- ☐ Is there enough space around the product so I can get to it, for storing and charging?
- ☐ Is the environment familiar to the user?
- ☐ What adjustments may need to be made?
- ☐ Are there other users of the space?



Product

- ☐ Size/dimensions
- ☐ Adjustability
- ☐ Material
- ☐ Weight
- ☐ Weight loading capacity
- ☐ Growth potential
- ☐ Customisation possible
- ☐ Transportability
- ☐ Life expectancy
- ☐ Conditions to be used in
- ☐ Maintenance and servicing
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Availability of technical support



Task

- ☐ Set-up
- ☐ Task components
- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Follow-up
- ☐ Time
- ☐ Re-assessment

Informal Supports

- Carers
- Family and friends
- Advisory groups or support services
- Websites
- Individuals who have experience using product

Formal Supports

- Doctors
- Allied Health Professionals, for example occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physiotherapists
- ILCNSW



A Formal Assessment is advised when:

- An item cannot be found that meets the user's needs.
- Hazards/risks are identified
- Use of a specific item impacts upon existing items
- Environment cannot accommodate suitable options
- Person requests an assessment/re-assessment
- Funding is required/sought

To access Formal Assistance you may need:

- A referral from a GP, Allied Health Professional, Community Organisation, or Service provider
- A private practicing Allied health professional
- A request from a therapist for equipment/modifications through a funding body.
- **See @ a glance Funding Options NSW**

Recommendations that may be made may include:

- Customisation of equipment
- Environmental modifications
- Modifying the task

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