



Easy Read – Hospital Stay Guidelines

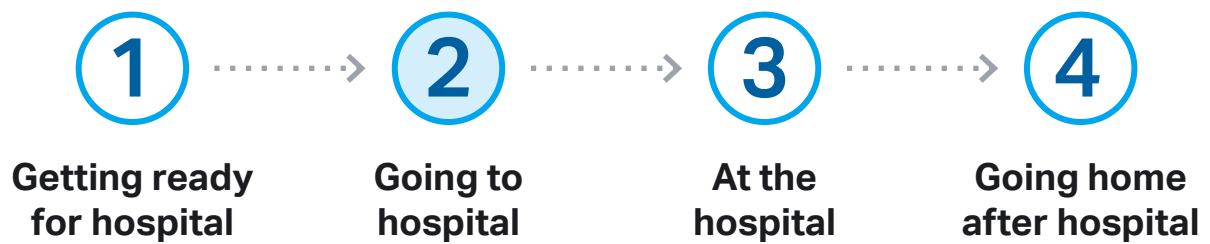
A guide for people with disability,
families, friends and carers

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Going to hospital

Hospital Stay Guidelines – Easy Read Series



The Department of Health thanks Developmental Disability WA and members of their Advisory Council who helped co-design the Easy Read – Hospital Stay Guideline.

Hard words are written in **bold** and **blue**.



This is book 2 of 4 books that tells you about being in hospital.



This book tells you how to make going to hospital better.

Emergency visit



You can go to hospital in an **emergency**. An **emergency** is when you are really sick.



In an **emergency**, you may go to hospital in an **ambulance**.

An **ambulance** is the **emergency** car that takes you to hospital.



An **ambulance** will cost a lot of money.

If you are over 65 and on a full pension it is free.



Only call an **ambulance** if you are really sick, or it is an **emergency**.



You can get **health insurance**.

Health insurance is a service you pay for that makes an **ambulance** cheaper.



In an **ambulance** take things you really need like:

- tablets and medicine



- Medicare card



- information about you that is important



- equipment that you may need like headphones.



Tell the **ambulance people** about your disability.



These people can go in the **ambulance** with you:

- family member
- friend
- carer
- support worker.

Planned hospital visit



When you are told you are going to hospital it is good to make a plan.



Find out what you have to do:

- before you go
- when you come home.

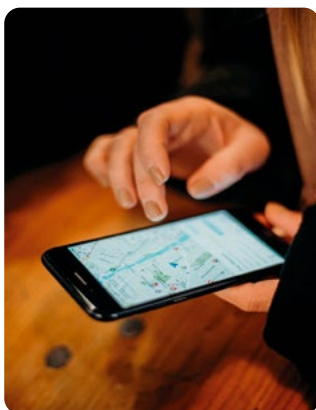


You can ask someone you know to go with you to the hospital.



This could be a:

- family member
- friend
- carer
- support worker.



You need to work out how to get to hospital.



You can ask someone to take you.



You can get a **taxi**. A **taxi** is when you pay someone to drive you.



People who live far away from the city can get help to pay for their transport to hospital.



This is called the **Patient Assistance Travel Scheme**.

The **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme** helps people who live over 100 kilometres away to travel to hospital.



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