

Participant Information Sheet

Study title:	Ready to Roll survey: Wheelchair users' readiness for emergencies and opinions of a proposed Disabled Persons Emergency Response Register.
Principal investigator:	Dr Jennifer Dunn Post-doctoral Fellow Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Musculoskeletal Medicine, University of Otago, Christchurch.

Introduction

Kia Ora.

Thank you for showing an interest in this project. Please read this information sheet carefully and if you wish, talk with relatives or friends, before deciding whether or not to participate. The information contained below is also available in video format which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMRX8MCoxEg&feature=youtu.be>

If you decide to participate we thank you. If you decide not to take part there will be no disadvantage to you and we thank you anyway for considering our request.

What is the aim of this research project?

This survey aims to find out how ready for emergencies wheelchair users are and what they think about the concept of a Disabled Persons Emergency Response Register which could be used for planning and response to emergencies (more information about the proposed register is contained in the information video, [click here](#) to view this now). It also asks about what types of Information Communication Technologies people use, as these types of technologies are an integral part of register and alerting systems used in other countries.

The information you provide will be useful to help us decide if an emergency response register is an idea worth pursuing further, what it may look like and how it could work.

Who is funding this project?

Funding support for this project has been provided by:

- The Christchurch Rotary Club
- Canterbury Community Trust
- Canterbury Orthopaedic Services
- Canterbury Community Support Fund

Who do we want to participate in the project?

We are looking for approximately 400 participants who are:

- 18 years or older
- use a wheelchair for ½ the time or more
- live anywhere in New Zealand except in a residential care facility (e.g. rest home).

If this is you, then we want to know your honest opinions even if you have not made any plans for emergencies, do not like the idea of a register, or don't think you would use it.

If you participate, what will you be asked to do?

You will only be asked to complete the survey. The researchers will not seek any further input from you, or contact you again, in relation to this study.

You can complete the form online by following the link at the end of this information sheet. If you would like to complete a paper version of the questionnaire, please send your contact details to the principal investigator (contact details are listed below). A copy of the questionnaire along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope will be sent to you.

It will take approximately 10 minutes for you to complete the survey. Whether you participate or not is completely up to you and will not, in any way, affect the care or assistance you receive in the future. If you don't want to answer a question you can move straight on to the next one.

What data or information will be collected, and how will it be used?

The survey contains some general questions about you, what plans (if any) you have made for emergencies and what you think about the concept of a Disabled Persons Emergency Response Register.

All responses from the survey will be collated and analysed by the research team. No material that could personally identify you will be collected or used in any reports on this study.

The data collected will be securely stored in such a way that only the research team listed below will be able to gain access to it. If you agree to participate, you will be redirected to the "Survey Monkey" website that is specific to this survey. The way this is set up means we will not collect email addresses or other personally identifiable information. IP addresses are recorded but no attempt will be made to link this to any individual.

You will be able to obtain a copy of the results at the end of the study if you wish by contacting the principal investigator. Please note there will be a delay between your participation in the study and receiving these results as it will take time to collect and analyse the data.

What about anonymity and confidentiality?

All information collected for this study will be anonymous. The survey does not contain any questions that will identify you personally.

If you agree to participate, can you withdraw later?

You can stop at any time, but you will not be able to withdraw from participation in the project if you have completed the survey. As all data is anonymous, once submitted, there is no way to identify your responses in order to withdraw them.

Is there any risk or discomfort involved?

It is possible that the questionnaire could bring up feelings of anxiety or distress, especially if you have been through a traumatic emergency event. If this happens, and you need some help to cope as a result of issues raised by the study, you can contact a member of the research team who will assist you to find an appropriate support person in your local area.

Who is doing this research?

The research team consists of the Jason Nicholls, and two supervisors. Jason is a physiotherapist with more than 20 years experience, most of which has involved working with people with disabilities. He is completing this study as part of a Masters degree.

Supervisors for the project are:

- Dr Jennifer Dunn, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Musculoskeletal Medicine, University of Otago, Christchurch.
- Dr Deborah Snell, Academic Director, Burwood Academy of Independent Living

Development of this project has been assisted by the Burwood Academy of Independent Living End User Consultation Committee and Mere Hibbs of H.E.I Mahi Ltd.

Any questions?

If you have any questions now or in the future, please feel free to contact:

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This study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee (Health). If you have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the research you may contact the Committee through the Human Ethics Committee Administrator (ph 03 479 8256). Any issues you raise will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

To complete the survey online please [Click here](#)