



## Self Advocates In Leadership

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### Our Equipment Belong With Us

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#### Who is working on this issue?

The Self-Advocacy Network Partnership which includes: Self-Advocates in Leadership; People First of Washington; and Allies in Advocacy. Other interested parties

#### Advocacy areas

Civil rights;  
community services/  
supports;  
Transportation

#### What is the problem you are trying to solve?

SAIL members want to ensure that when individuals have an emergency and must ride in an ambulance or other emergency vehicles, their medical equipment and medical aids, such as a wheelchair or a walker, go to the location they are going. What we don't want to see happen is expensive equipment being left on the street that might get stolen or left at home, which is no help to the person as they recover.



#### What is your proposed solution?

SAIL wants to work with the Legislature, State Agencies, emergency response personnel, and County transit authorities to help create a plan to transport medical equipment or aides for those in emergency situations. This will require better networking between emergency and transportation services, as well as Federal and/or State Services that might be needed to pay for the transport.

#### Why is this a good solution?

- People who have their medical equipment with them will be able to recover faster.
- People who have their communication aides with them will be able to communicate with medical professionals.
- Creating a clear plan and budget to pay for transport will give people with disabilities and their families a peace of mind before emergencies happen.

What is the fiscal impact?	Is there a bill number?	Is there a legislator working on this issue?
<p>Uncertain. There needs to be more discussion between all parties to see what is needed to transport medical equipment/aides.</p>	<p>No we are working on it.</p>	<p>Representative Jamila Taylor 30th Legislative District <a href="mailto:Jamila.Taylor@leg.wa.gov">Jamila.Taylor@leg.wa.gov</a></p>

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