

Outdoor Safety

This leaflet provides advice on how you can help keep your child with challenging behaviour safe outside. The Children's Occupational Therapy Service offers a range of leaflets with advice on how to keep your child safe - call 020 8274 6854 for further information.

Children with challenging behaviour may have little awareness of danger and may need a form of safety restraint to protect them when outdoors.

General considerations

- Children with challenging behaviour should be closely supervised at all times when outdoors.

Examples of possible solutions

- Walking reins or wrist strap.
- Reins may not be sufficient for some children who could be safer using a buggy or wheelchair. The local wheelchair service may be able to assist. Buggies and wheelchairs can be fitted with 5-point harnesses and would have footrests to prevent the child from dragging their feet.

Examples of suppliers

- Crelling Harnesses – walking reins and straps. Crelling offers a sale or return facility to allow for a 14 day trial period. If the equipment is not returned they will send an invoice. If it is returned there is a charge for postage and packing.
www.crelling.com 01253 852 298
- Fledglings – walking reins attached to a back pack. www.fledglings.org.uk 0845 458 1124
- Croydon Wheelchair Services for buggies and wheelchairs.
To access this service a referral is required from a health professional, for example, your family doctor.

The lists of companies provided in these information leaflets are not approved lists. Croydon Council and Croydon Health Services accept no liability with regard to any purchases from the companies listed. The list of companies provided is not exhaustive.

Your questions and comments:

PALS offers assistance, advice and support for patients and their families.

The PALS office is open to callers from 9am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone number 020 8401 3210.