

**GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Health Services**  
*Guidelines on Using Crutches*

Great Neck School District guidelines for the use of crutches while in school are as follows:

1. Specific orders are needed from your health care provider regarding the use of crutches.
2. Children may attend school using crutches but must have been taught proper crutch walking before returning to school.
3. School nurses do not teach crutch walking, but will observe the child to determine that the child knows how to safely navigate the hallways.
4. It is unsafe to use crutches on stairways. In buildings without an elevator, children must “bump down the stairs on their buttocks” and go upstairs the same way.
5. Children who cannot do all of the above, will be sent home until such time as they are properly trained to perform these skills. If deemed necessary, home instruction will be arranged through the Department of Pupil Personnel.
6. For the safety of all of the students, the above practices will be followed by all of the Districts schools regardless of grade level.