

Wayne Rides the Wave of Injury with iWALKFree

Cardiff-based surfing enthusiast, Wayne Taylor, paid a heavy price for his heroics when the handbrake failed on his car with his wife and child still inside it. The quick-thinking 39-year-old chased the car as it rolled down the street and managed to stop it just inches before it hit another car – but only by putting his foot in front of the rear wheel and sustaining a Lisfrank fracture in the process!



Explains Wayne: “I had just parked up at the cash point and had put the hand brake on but a fault meant that the car kept rolling down the road. With my family in the back of the car I didn’t really think about it, I just stopped the car by whatever means I could.”

The result was a serious foot injury and an instruction to keep his weight off the foot for at least nine weeks.

Wayne tried conventional crutches at first but found that they not only restricted his mobility but also made his arms and shoulders ache. Then he remembered something he had seen on TV and got straight onto the internet to research it.

“I had seen TV chef Simon Rimmer on the tele using a crutch that attached to his leg so that he could move around and still use his arms to cook,” explains Wayne, “so I got online and discovered that the iWALKFree is available in the UK through Peglegs.co.uk. My GP was lukewarm about the idea but my consultant said it would be fine so I ordered one, it arrived the next day and I was able to get on with both work and home life from there on in.”

Fully adjustable, the iWALKFree simply straps on to the user's thigh, taking the weight off the lower leg whilst allowing them the convenience of walking without conventional crutches or sticks. Wayne's prowess on a surfboard came in handy with his iWALKFree as he had the natural balance to master the new way of walking straight away. As a result, he was able to get back in the kitchen to indulge his passion for cooking and, with the aid of an automatic company car, he was also able to get back on the road to do his job, simply storing the iWALKFree in the boot and putting it on when he arrives.

Comments Jerry Jones, Director of Peglegs.co.uk, who first became involved with the iWALKFree after using it himself: "The iWALKFree is ideal for people like Wayne who lead an active life and simply don't have the time to slow down or take nine weeks off work. We're delighted that he's so happy with his hands-free crutch and wish him a very speedy return to the big waves!"

The iWALKFree is available to buy from www.peglegs.co.uk and the company has also recently launched a new rental service. It is a CE-marked Class 1 medical device that has been a popular alternative to conventional crutches in Canada since it was first launched there 11 years ago. It is suitable for use following most lower leg injuries, post operative recovery for lower leg and foot operation patients and amputees.

For Further information visit: www.peglegs.co.uk