

Safety Guide

Manual Wheelchairs

Important Note: These instructions are general information only and do not take into account your specific circumstance. These instructions are to be used in conjunction with the information provided by your health professional. Do not exceed the Maximum User Weight specified by the manufacturer. If you are unsure on how to use or fit a piece of equipment, please contact your Health Professional.

Safety Information and Precautions

- Manual wheelchairs are mobility devices in which a person with limited mobility can become more mobile and independent again.
- There are two types of manual wheelchairs:
- **Self-Propelled** where the chair has bigger rear wheels and the user can propel themselves.
- Attendant-Propelled these come with smaller rear wheels and the user must be pushed by a carer.

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- Manual wheelchairs have a safe working limit so always be sure to check the weight of the user as all wheelchairs weight limits differ.
- It is important to check that the carer or person handling the wheelchair on behalf of the user is able to fold the wheelchair correctly and be able to store it in the car safely without manual handling issues.
- When folding and unfolding wheelchair seats be careful not to trap or pinch fingers. Always fold out wheelchair seats with the palm of your hands and keep fingers away from the edge of the seat.
- Always apply the brakes when the user is sitting down or standing up from the wheelchair.
- Manual wheelchairs are not to be used as seats in a motor vehicle or wheelchair taxi unless they have been transit rated. Please check with us if the wheelchair is approved for use as a seat in a motor vehicle.
- It is important to choose the right type of manual wheelchair for your needs, and to use proper technique and safety measures when operating a manual wheelchair. If you have concerns seek advice from your allied health professional.

Precautions and Safety

- Be careful not to pinch fingers when unfolding wheelchair seats.
- Always ensure quick release rear wheels are fully engaged.
- Check tyre inflation & brake function before every
- DO NOT leave the chair in direct sunlight for long



periods or near direct heat sources as the frame may become hot to touch.

- **DO NOT** submerge in water for use in a pool, at a beach, or shower/bathing setting.
- **DO NOT** use for transportation in a motor vehicle unless they have been tested and approved for use. Always consult an Allied Health Professional.

Maintenance and Cleaning

- Please check the product label / user manual for specific cleaning instructions.
- Follow instructions on labels where present.
- Wash with a damp cloth and a gentle soap with water.
- Tyres can be cleaned with most detergents.
- Avoid getting water inside the frame of the chair when cleaning – DO NOT IMMERSE IN WATER.
- Should the equipment appear damaged, **DO NOT** USE. It may require replacing.

Disclaimer: This product safety information sheet is provided for general guidance only and does not replace the manufacturer's user manual or specific safety protocols recommended by the manufacturer. Always adhere to local safety regulations and the manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance, inspection, and operation. Failure to follow proper procedures and obtain appropriate training may result in injury or damage to the equipment.

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