

WHEELCHAIR SAFETY



Wheelchairs come in all shapes and sizes.

Please note the following prior to use:

- ✓ How do the brakes work?
- ✓ If there are leg rests, determine which way do the leg rests swing?



How to Operate

1. Introduce yourself to the patient, explaining who you are and where you will be taking them.
2. Ensure that you confirm the patient's identity before proceeding.
3. Position their feet on the footrest. If there are not foot rests, ensure that their feet are positioned comfortably and do not drag.
4. Ensure that all belongings are tucked inside the wheelchair.



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5. Position patients elbows inside the wheelchair.
 6. Release the breaks when moving. Put the breaks on (both wheels) when stopped.
 7. Push the chair, with both hands at a comfortable walking pace.
 8. Push only one chair at a time.
 9. When going down ramps or small inclines, back the chair down so it does not wheel away on you.
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10. When using an elevator, back the chair on so the patient is facing forward.
 11. Lift the foot rest when the patient is getting in and out of the chair.
 12. Wipe down after use with the appropriate sanitizer or wipe.

PLEASE NOTE:

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT TRAINED TO
TRANSFER, LIFT OR CARRY A PATIENT.**



Patient Safety Is Everyone's Job

