

Safety Instructions for the Beach Wheelchair

Safety Procedures

Make yourself aware of weather conditions, incoming tides, wave patterns, wind strength, storms and heat.

Do not leave any person unattended or left alone in the beach wheelchair.

The Beach Wheelchair has been designed to be used at the water's edge and is stable in water levels up to the centre of the tyres. The 'chair' has balloon tyres which have a tendency to float depending on the weight being carried.

1. Please do not try to use the beach wheel chair (the chair) on your own. A minimum of two carers are required to assist the user.
2. If the person using the chair has severe balance or sitting problems or is prone to pressure sores, back pain or other similar conditions, please consult your Doctor before use.
3. The maximum safe weight loading is 120kg.
4. Please do not leave the chair unattended especially near water or sloping ground.
5. The chair is designed to be used at the water's edge and is stable with water levels at around the centre of the rear wheels (about 24cm or 10 inches).

Anti-tip assembly/parking brake

This is found at the rear of the chair below the hand rail (as seen in figure 1 over page). When the anti-tip mechanism is not in use it is attached to the top crossbar between the push handles. To apply the park brake/anti-tip bar from the cross bar (as seen in figure 2 over page), swing bar down and place foot on middle of the bar and push against tyres until locking bar is engaged (as seen in figure 3 over page). The engagement of the locking bar prevents accidental release of the park brake and anti-tip bar.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

To release the park brake, ensure chair is steady, lift the locking bar upwards, as seen in figure 4 & 5, to release the park brake. Lift the bar upwards until you are able to secure the bar with the strap on the top crossbar. As seen in figure 6



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

What to do when you have finished using the Beach Wheelchair

1. Please brush off any sand from the wheel chair and wipe it down if necessary.
2. Place the wheel chair back in the shed, lock it and return the key to Mister Walker on the Mends Street Jetty.

Be safe and enjoy the beach.