

WHEELCHAIR MAINTANENCE

Regular Maintenance can extend the life of your wheelchair. A quick check each week or fortnight can prevent trouble and save you money and time. A wheelchair is an expensive investment so it's well worth protecting.

When doing your regular maintenance you should;

- Wipe any excess dirt, dust and grime from your wheelchair, this can compromise the smooth movement of the chair.
- Check the axels for dust and hair. As hair is one of the major problems use a pair of tweezers or a tooth brush to remove any hair and dust. Remember to remove the larger wheels to check for any additional grime.
- Add air to the tyres if they start to get low. Flat or low tyres use excess battery power if you are using an electric chair, and make manual chairs harder to push.
- Tighten any nuts and bolts.
- Keep the backrest of your chair tight. A loose seat will provide insufficient support and effect you posture.
- If these tasks are difficult to do on your own, have a family member or neighbour give you a hand. The manufacturer of your chair will advise you how often you should have your chair professionally serviced.



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