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Disability Services
Life With No Limits



**Advice on the cleaning
of your equipment in light of
the current Covid-19
pandemic**

The HSE has issued the following advice on how to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

- Wash your hands properly and often
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**
- Avoid close contact with people - keep a distance of 2 metres (6.5 feet) between you and others.
- Avoid crowded places, especially indoors.



How can I clean & disinfect my wheelchair?

Our advice is that you consult the manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU) that was supplied with your equipment. If you cannot locate this documentation then we advise the following:

- Brush off any loose debris and then wipe down the wheelchair with a damp cloth to clean off any visible dirt.
- Care must be taken not to use too much water, e.g. a hose, for two reasons:
 1. Excessive moisture might cause rusting of metal components or damage to electronic components
 2. The spray could cause the virus to become airborne in aerosol form, and thus increase the risk of infection
- After the visible clean is complete, wipe-down all surfaces using disinfectant wipes or disinfectant solution.
- It is recommended that protective gloves be worn when undertaking any cleaning.

A regular wipe down

Can make all the difference!

How often is your wheelchair cleaned?

Just give it a wipe down with a damp cloth and a gentle detergent – don't use any abrasive or scouring agents.

Cleaning can help to prolong its life and keep it in **tip-top shape!**



Top cleaning tips:

- Wash cushion covers in the washing machine when they get dirty
(always follow the manufacturer's instructions)
- For particularly ingrained dirt, try scrubbing lightly with a soft brush.
- Use tweezers to get hair or fluff out of the wheels



How can I clean and disinfect my seating?

Again we advise that you consult the manufacturer's IFU that was supplied with your equipment. If you cannot locate this documentation then we advise that you:

- Brush off any loose debris and then wipe down the all seating components with a damp cloth to clean off any visible dirt.
- After the visible clean is complete, wipe-down all surfaces using disinfectant wipes or disinfectant solution.
- It is recommended that protective gloves be worn when undertaking any cleaning.
- Where it is possible to remove covers we recommend that you do so and launder them in a washing machine, following the care instructions on the label.

Quick guide to help you keep your powered wheelchair in tip-top condition



Before each use check:

- Is the battery charged up?
- Does the horn work?



Every week check:

- The armrests for damage, if they are wobbly check your user manual for how to tighten them.
- The tyres are not damaged.
- Anti tippers are not wobbly.
- Your cushion for wear and tear.

Give the wheelchair some TLC: a wipe down with a damp cloth and gentle detergent.

Don't use scouring agents or get any water near the electronics.



Don't forget to wash your cushion covers – just follow the manufacturer's instructions.





Please feel welcome to contact us with any questions or queries

If you have any questions or queries relating to your wheelchair or seating supports, please feel welcome to contact SeatTech at:

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