

Take Care Of My Chair!



A power chair is the lifeline for a person with a disability

A wheelchair is more than a tool that a person with a disability uses to get from point A to point B. It is as much a part of that person as their eyes, arms or head. Without it, they can not function.



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All power chairs have a freewheel mechanism. Find and disengage the lever to move the chair more easily.



Important Freewheel Guidelines

- Disengaged, or “freewheel” mode, releases the locking mechanism on the gearbox allowing the power wheelchair to roll freely with or without power.
- Engaged, or “drive” mode, secures the locking mechanism on the gearbox preventing the power wheelchair from rolling freely.
- Never put the power wheelchair in freewheel mode while on an incline. This may cause uncontrollable movements.
- You may feel resistance when maneuvering in freewheel mode; this is normal, and prevents damage to the gearbox.
- Never ride or drive the power chair up a portable ramp into a vehicle.

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