

Wheelchair Booking Conditions - Use and Safety

** A carer/support person must be operating the chair at all times!*

DaVinci Chair (Shallow Water only)

Safety Guidelines

- Check the weather for incoming tides as well as the strength of the waves, wind strength, storms and heat prior to hiring the wheelchair.
- If possible, get another person to hold the handles of the wheelchair so that it will not move when a person is being seated. If this is not possible then stand behind the chair and hold the handles yourself.
- NOTE there is currently no hoist available for transfer, please ensure you have the right level of support to transfer and push the beach wheelchair during use.
- The wheelchair has been designed to be used on dry sand and wet sand at the water's edge.
- The wheelchair is stable in very low water levels up to 30cm, in still water conditions.
- Do not use on the road, except when crossing between pavements.
- When crossing the carriageway of a public road always take extra care and observe the Highway code.
- Do not ride over deep, soft terrain (soft dirt, loose gravel, deep grass).
- Do not attempt to mount a kerb without assistance.
- Do not carry passengers.
- **The wheelchair is NOT to be used in deep water.**
- Do not exceed maximum recommended loading of 120kg.
- **Do not leave a person unattended when in the wheelchair.**
- Always engage a slow speed when going down gradients.
- Gradients steeper than a standard ramp rise is not recommended unless two people are assisting with pushing the chair.
- Do not ride in reverse down a slope or kerb.
- Always keep the passenger informed about what you are intending to do (turning, entering water, crossing road).
- Always keep your feet on the footplate when moving.
- Do not stand on the footplate when getting in or out of the chair.
- We recommend the use of safety belt.
- Always keep your pneumatic tyres to the correct pressures.
- **The wheelchair is not designed for self-propelling (independent use) and must be supervised and pushed by a responsible assistant.**
- Any safety, mechanical or accessibility concerns with the use of the Beach wheelchair should be reported immediately to the City of Charles Sturt.
- Do not use parts, accessories or adapters other than those authorised by Davinci Mobility.
- The manual parking brakes are not designed for slowing-down.