



Wheelchairs

Thank you for choosing DASCO to provide you with your wheelchair. A wheelchair should provide independence and transportation for all users.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ...

Transporting or storing: Folding the wheelchair is accomplished by lifting the center front and back edge of the seat and pulling up. To unfold, press down on both sides of the seat at the outside edge by the arms at the same time.

Wheel locks: These are used every time the patient sits down or stands up from the chair. There are two types. One is a pull-to-lock and the other is a push-to-lock. Which type is used is dependent on the needs of the patient. Don not use the wheel locks for "breaking" the wheelchair.

Leg rests: There are three types. The fixed type cannot be removed. The swing away has a release mechanism to allow the legs to be removed or repositioned to allow for safer transfers to beds, chairs, and toilets. If removed, simply reattach to the two pins located on the chair and swing back into desired position. The third type is the elevating leg rest which operates like the swing away detachable type but in addition has a lever located on the outside of each leg rest that allows them to be positioned in different elevation modes to accommodate casts and swelling of the feet. To lower the leg rests, be sure to support the leg prior to activating the release the mechanism.

Foot and leg rest lengths can be adjusted to fit the patient's needs. The correct adjustment for a footrest is for the knees and hips of the patient to be level while sitting in the chair. The lowest adjustment should allow for a two inch clearance above the floor to provide safe clearance. The adjustment is made by loosening the adjustment bolt with a wrench, adjusting to correct length and re-tightening the bolt. There are some types that have buttons to push and reposition.

Detachable arms: Removing the arm on the wheelchair allows for lateral or sliding transfers to beds, commodes and other seating. There are two types of arms: full length or desk length. There will be a release button/lock on the front of the armrest. Lift the arm from the center and up. Some wheelchairs are equipped with swing back arms which allow the arm to swing back without being totally removed.

Anti tippers are sometimes ordered when special medical conditions exist. Even if anti-tippers are attached to the bottom rear of the wheelchair frame, extreme caution should be used when tipping the wheelchair on its rear wheels.

There are many special features that may be included in your wheelchair. All these will be explained and demonstrated by the delivery technician who brings your equipment.

GENERAL TIPS ON YOUR WHEELCHAIR ...

- **Do** check hand grips and rubber tips on the tipping levers.
- **Do** check the locks to be sure the large wheels lock when used.
- **Do** check for proper footrest length adjustment.
- **Don't** lean forward in the wheelchair unless both feet are flat on the floor.
- If you are confined to the wheelchair for long periods of time, please contact our office for tips and devices to reduce the incidence of pressure sores.
- If your medical conditions should change, please notify our office and your physician to verify that the wheelchair you have is still appropriate.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING DASCO HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

**If you have any questions about your wheelchair, do
not hesitate to contact us at:
800-892-4044**