Looking after your new powered wheelchair.

Here are some *hints and tips* to keep your chair in its best working order.



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Remember:

If you are unsure or worried about something with your powered wheelchair, refer to the user manual or contact the Midshires service team.

Safety for you, the user, is always priority.

Contact us.

Have any more questions?

If you are unsure about anything in this leaflet or have any other questions, please contact us:

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General Maintenance.

Weekly checks for you.

As a powered wheelchair owner, its a good idea to check your chair once a week for any potential issues that may occur. Keeping the chair safe to use is so important.

Loose parts:

If you use your chair regularly, it's almost definitely going to needs parts tightening on it at some point, and the good news is a lot of it can be done by you or someone close to you. A small tool kit for your powered wheelchair means you can keep on top of those loose armrests or headrests - Just try not to over-tighten them!

Tyre Pressures and Tread.

Low pressure and worn tread on your tyres can effect a number of things on your wheelchair, including handling, range and comfort. Keep the pressure at the recommended level and make sure you change the tyres when worn down.



Battery care.

AGM Batteries.

Charging your batteries often is key, even if you're not using the chair very often. The chargers are on a "trickle charge" system, meaning they gently charge the batteries and shut off once the cycle is complete to remain safe.

Daily Use: Charge your batteries overnight and every night. Take them off in the morning when you go to use your chair. Feel free to top them up during the day if battery gauge is low!

Lesser Use (every now and then): Try and give the batteries an overnight charge around once or twice a week, even if the chair is showing fully charged. Neglecting the charging will cause more damage to the batteries than charging it frequently.

Lithium-Ion Batteries.

For maximum lifespan, charge battery to 100% after every use. If not used as frequently, charge once a month to maintain longevity. Avoid charging in extreme cold or hot conditions and in a well ventilated area.



Try not to get it too wet.

Obviously, water and electricity don't mix well.

These machines are designed to keep as much water out as possible but sometimes it can get in and cause problems. To help prevent any damage to your new chair, try these tips:

Protect the joystick:

In most instances, water damage occurs in the joystick so keeping that part dry is essential. Most of the time its rare to go out in the pouring rain, but if ever caught short, why not be prepared and take a plastic bag to cover your hand and the joystick. ***Hint.*** A Ziplock sandwich bag works very well!

Don't clean your chair with water:

Don't hose down your chair to make it sparkle again, try using a damp cloth or cleaning wipes to reduce the mess. ***Hint.*** Furniture polish and a rag afterwards on the frame will make it look great!



Annual servicing.

Find problems before they occur.

Annual services keep the chair working at its best, because your powered wheelchair can be more than just a piece of equipment - it can be your independence.

Safety first:

A well-maintained wheelchair helps prevent accidents and breakdowns. Regular checks ensure that brakes, motors, batteries, and electrical systems are all functioning properly, giving you peace of mind when you're out and about.

Extending the life of your chair:

Just like a car, routine maintenance can significantly extend the lifespan of your powered wheelchair. By addressing small issues early, you can avoid bigger, more costly repairs later on.

