

Safe Transportation of Wheelchairs

E-Zec Medical believes it is important to keep in touch with its' valued staff.

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This bulletin has been prepared in consultation with interested parties to give guidance to E-zec Staff and all healthcare professionals involved in the provision of wheelchair Service Users Transport.

Legislations affecting wheelchairs and wheelchair users

- Medical Devices Regulations 1994 (SI 1994 No 3017)
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- European Union Directives on vehicle construction
- International Standards for the impact testing of wheelchairs and their tie-down and occupant restraint systems (WTORS)

All E-zec Wheelchairs are 'crash tested' so are safe to transport patients in the ambulance using the Combined Webbing Tie-down, Double Inertia Seatbelt, rail floor system.

All service users own wheelchairs must also conform to these standards. So checks need to be carried out as part of the T.I.L.E.E risk assessment. Not all hospital wheelchairs conform to these safety checks so must not be used for transporting services users in the ambulance vehicles this includes the Multi-purpose vehicles.

T.I.L.E.E

TASK

Assess access and Egress



INDIVIDUAL

Can you cope?



LOAD

Is the wheelchair suitable for the patient's weight?



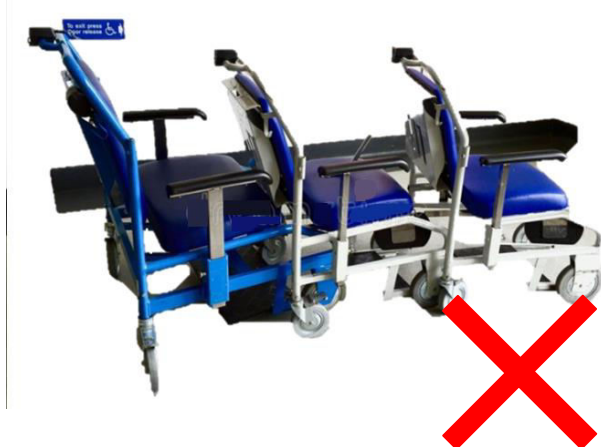
ENVIRONMENT
Check for safety



EQUIPMENT

Is the chair suitable for the patient to travel in the vehicle?

Hospital wheelchairs stay at the hospital



Both of these Hospital wheelchairs do NOT conform to the safety of vehicle transport. No NOT use in the vehicles



Contract control if you experience any problems ASAP