

Checklist: Is the Wheelchair Safe and Ready to Use?

Whole wheelchair	
There are no sharp edges	
No parts are damaged or scratched	
The wheelchair travels in a straight line	
Front castor wheels	
Spin freely	
Spin without touching the fork	
Bolts are tight	
Front castor barrels	
Castor fork spins freely	
Rear wheels	
Spin freely	
Axle bolts are tight	
Tyres inflated correctly (with thumb pressure, wheel can be depressed less than 5 mm)	
Push rims are secure	
Brakes	
Function properly	
Footrests	
Footrests are securely attached	
Frame	
For a folding wheelchair – the wheelchair folds and unfolds easily	
For a wheelchair with fold down backrest – the backrest folds and unfolds easily	
Cushion	
The cushion is in the cover correctly	
The cushion is sitting on the wheelchair correctly	
The cushion cover fabric is tight but not too tight	
If the wheelchair has a solid seat: the cushion fully covers the solid seat	