## Select and fit table: Wheelchairs in emergencies



Step 1:	Amputation	Older person	Neuro		
Select Wheelchair options			Spinal cord injury / Spina bifida	Stroke / Traumatic brain injury / Cerebral palsy	Temporary injury
Comfort cushion	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	X	If able to stand to transfer	<b>✓</b>
Pressure relief cushion	Х	If at risk of pressure wound	<b>✓</b>	If at risk of pressure wound	If at risk of pressure wound
Second pressure relief cushion	Х		Х		
Leg raiser / Stump board	If below knee amputation	X	X	X	If needed to help healing
Extra support to sit upright	Х	If difficulty sitting upright	If difficulty sitting upright	<b>✓</b>	Х

Step 2: Fit Ask person to fit their hips to back of seat. Assist if necessary.							
	Seat width	Seat depth	Footrest height		Sitting	Sitting	
	Hands slide	Two fingers between	Foot rests flat on		upright	upright	
	smoothly between	chair and back of	footplate. Thigh rests		Check from	Check from	
	person and	knees. Check no	flat on cushion.		side.	front.	
	wheelchair.	pressure on calf.					
Backrest	Consider high backrest if the person:			Consider low backrest if the person:			
adjustment	<ul> <li>Is very tall</li> </ul>		Is very short				
	<ul> <li>Is likely to get til</li> </ul>	red quickly	Is fit and active				
	<ul> <li>Prefers extra su</li> </ul>	pport	Can sit well without extra support				
Rear wheel	Consider safe rear	wheel position if the pers	on:	Consider active rear wheel position if the			
adjustment	<ul> <li>Has double amp</li> </ul>	person:					
	<ul> <li>Worries about ti</li> </ul>	Is fit and active					
	<ul> <li>Is tall</li> </ul>	Already able to balance on rear					
	Experiences unclassed in the second in	controlled movements wh	wheels (wheelie)				
	cause loss of ba	alance.	Is short.				