



Choosing the Right Wheelchair

How to Choose the Right Wheelchair for Comfort, Safety, and Ease of Use.



Attendant Propelled Wheelchair Buyers Guide

Why choosing the right wheelchair matters

An attendant propelled (transit) wheelchair is more than just a mobility device – it's a key factor in the user's comfort, independence, and the attendant's ease of care.

Selecting the right chair can improve manoeuvrability, reduce strain, and enhance quality of life.

Key factors to consider

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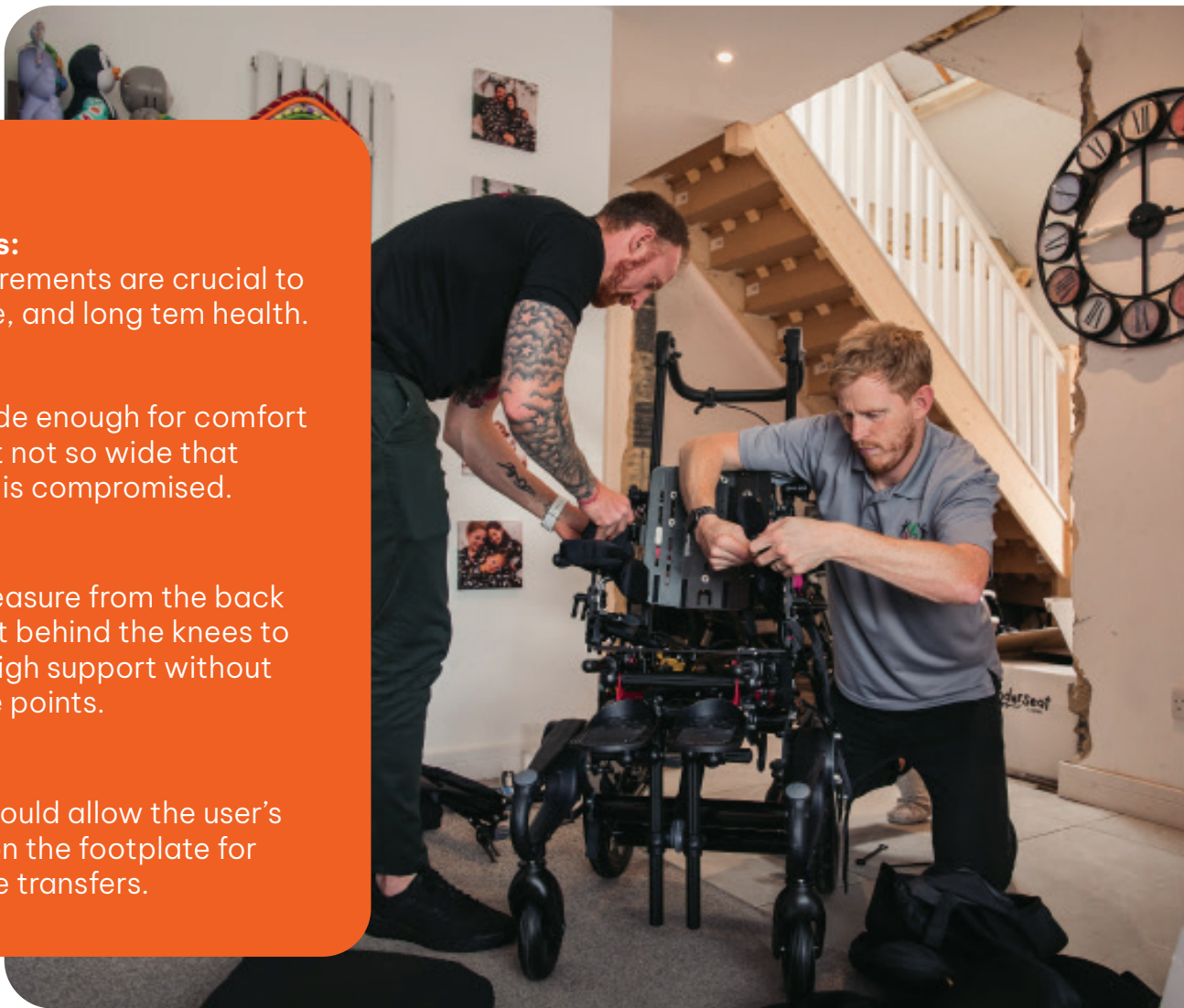
User dimensions:

Accurate measurements are crucial to comfort, posture, and long term health.

Seat Width – wide enough for comfort and stability, but not so wide that manoeuvrability is compromised.

Seat Depth – measure from the back of the hips to just behind the knees to ensure proper thigh support without causing pressure points.

Seat Height – should allow the user's feet to rest flat on the footplate for comfort and safe transfers.



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Attendant needs: A chair that's easier for the attendant to handle is safer for everyone.

Manoeuvrability – look for a small turning radius and responsive handling, especially important in tight spaces.

Weight – a lighter frame is easier to push, lift, and transport.



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Environmental factors: Where the chair will be used has a big impact on the right choice.

Indoor vs Outdoor Use - larger wheels and wider tires improve performance on uneven or outdoor surfaces.

Doorways and Narrow Passages - ensure overall chair width allows easy access through the spaces you use most.

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Wheelbase and ride quality: The wheelbase affects:

Turning circle - shorter wheelbases allow tighter manoeuvring.

Ride comfort - longer wheelbases can give a smoother ride, especially outdoors.

Off road capability - Stability on grass, gravel, or uneven terrain.

PRO TIP:
Think of the wheelbase as the 'chassis' of your wheelchair - it determines where you can go and how comfortably you'll get there.

Your next steps

Choosing a wheelchair isn't about picking from a catalogue - it's about matching the right specifications to the users' unique needs.

We can help you:

- Assess the correct dimensions for comfort and posture
- Recommend the best wheelbase/wheelchair for your environment
- Provide options that balance performance, comfort and budget

Contact us today to book a free home assessment or to review your existing wheelchair seating



Book your free two week test drive!

We know choosing the right seating and mobility system is a big decision. Our test drive experience* lets you try it where it matters most - at home, school, or out and about.

- Real-life testing in everyday environments to see how the equipment performs during regular use
- Assess posture, comfort, mobility, and independence to ensure it meets individual needs
- Gather usability feedback to identify any final adjustments or improvements
- Build confidence in your choice and make an informed decision before committing to a long-term solution
- Provide clinical justification with real-world evidence to support funding or prescription

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