

**Basic Training Tips – Powered Wheelchair**

* Only one person should give instruction at any one time to prevent confusion.
* The first instruction that first time power chair user should understand is “stop”
* Driving the wheelchair in circles in an acceptable first time movement only – this should not be encouraged longer term
* Consider using rewards for following instructions
* Powered wheelchairs are rear, front or mid-wheel drive. This can affect the drive path when moving forwards - Check with wheelchair provider.

 **Wheelchair Safety Checks**

* Check the wheelchair is in good working order with sufficient air and tread on tiers.
* Make sure power chair is fully charged.
* Check that controller is switched off when stationary.
* When powered chair is on make sure speed is appropriate
* Ensure bottom is completely back in the seat and legs are angled at 90 degrees with knees bent.
* Take any bags off the wheelchair especially when taking part in activities

**Wheelchair Maintenance**

For Minor repairs such as battery not charging, footplate adjustment or broken or a flat tire contact Rosscare on **01132 777007**

For any major adjustments you are unable to resolve to accommodate growth please contact Wheelchair Centre on 0113 206 3855

One minute guide

Developing Independent Wheelchair skills

**Powered Wheelchair**

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