

Special Recommendations for:

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## Wheelchair Transportation "Safety Tips"

### for Children and Youth



## Basic Principle

\*The safest place to be transported is on the vehicle seat using the vehicle seatbelt system. Those who can transfer and ride safely on the vehicle seat or commercial car seat should do so.

## DO's

- √ All wheelchairs should face toward the front of the vehicle.
- √ Always have the wheel locks on.
- √ Power wheelchairs must be turned "off".
- √ If your child has poor head control, a soft neck collar may be recommended. (Please consult your therapist).
- √ Use a wheelchair tie-down restraint system to identified tie down locations on the wheelchair frame.
- √ Secure the passenger with a shoulder and lap belt.
- √ The lap belt should fit over the hips not the stomach.
- √ Securely store all loose items in the vehicle (including tray, medical equipment etc.).
- √ Use a headrest.

## DO NOT's

- ∅ Do NOT transport the wheelchair in a tilted or reclined position unless medically required and then only up to 30 degrees from upright.
- ∅ Do NOT use the tray during transport unless it is made of foam.
- ∅ Do NOT use head straps during transport.
- ∅ Do NOT attach neck collars to the wheelchair or seating system.
- ∅ Do NOT fasten tie-down straps to movable parts of the wheelchair such as footrests, wheels or front hangers.

