

READ BEFORE USE

Important Safety Information – Beach FreeWheeler



All participants and Carers are responsible for their own safety and must be aware of the following guidelines:

- All universal beach rules must be followed at all times. These include:
 - Swim between the yellow/red flags;
 - Sun safe message, “slip slop slap”;
 - The beach is a public place and therefore all other patron’s rights must be respected.
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Out of the Water:

- Max safe weight loading for this product is **100kgs**.
- Care must be taken when using the Beach FreeWheeler over uneven or unsteady ground.
- Prior to going on the beach or to the waters edge ensure you have the knowledge, experience and ability to deal with the conditions that might be experienced.
- Care should be taken in hot weather as metal frame and armrests can heat up and lead to burns.
- It is recommended to transfer on flat ground, for increased stability.
- Users should not try this product on their own. It is designed to be pushed by someone other than the person sitting in it.
- The carer must ensure that the user is adequately secured in the Beach FreeWheeler, prior to entering the water or travelling across the sand.

- The Beach FreeWheeler may become unstable if the user has a disability which creates excessive movement or rocking motions.
- The front castors rotate 360 degrees and make turning easy to manoeuvre.
- To apply the park break – steady the chair, release the parking break/ anti-tip bar assembly manually from the nylon clip and swing down towards the rear wheels. Lifting the locking bar upwards releases the park break.
- Front foot rest is adjustable for angle and height using the locking handles that are fitted on either side of the front pivot frame. This is done by turning the locking handles on either side in an anti-clockwise motion and then lock in position by moving handles in clock-wise direction. The front footrest can be taken off by removing the two spring loaded drop latch pins.
- Arm rests can be raised to a position of 90degrees from the horizontal and this allows for easier transfers.
- The chair is not designed to move up and down stairs whilst loaded.

In the Water:

- If entering the water and you are unable to swim you must be accompanied at all times.
- It is advisable to wear a life jacket and follow all instructions such as entering water in patrolled swimming area.
- It is recommended that an able-bodied person wades into the water first to ensure there are no holes or steep gradients.
- Beach FreeWheeler is stable with water levels at around the centre height of the wheels.
- The Beach FreeWheeler has balloon tyres which tend to be buoyant depending on the weight being carried.
- By taking the Beach FreeWheeler into deeper water, it must be noted that the chair will float and become unstable and require considerable effort in controlling its stability.
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- Caution needs to be taken in environments where there is chance of wave action, as unexpected movement of the Beach FreeWheeler is a risk factor for users.
- Wave patterns, wind strength, type of beach and underwater formations can all affect the use of the Beach FreeWheeler. If unsure check with a Beach Inspector, Lifeguard or volunteer Surf Lifesaver. IF IN DOUBT – DO NOT ENTER THE WATER.

Be Safe and Enjoy the Beach!

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