

Information about

# Lapstraps for Wheelchairs

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## **We provide lapstraps for wheelchairs for two reasons:**

1. To try to stop you the occupant slipping out of the wheelchair.
2. To assist your posture in your wheelchair.

One or both of the above may apply to you, however, you should know that lapstraps can sometimes be dangerous.

### **This can occur when:**

- You attempt to stand up with the lapstrap still attached and you may fall over with the wheelchair on top of you.
- If you need a lot of support to sit up and you slip down in your wheelchair the lapstrap can end up around your neck. Obviously this can be very dangerous.

Please make sure that you do not put yourself at risk when using a lapstrap.

Lapstraps are not intended as safety belts in a vehicle - Please see leaflet about Transporting your Wheelchair in a Vehicle.

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