Wheelchair Safety

Using a wheelchair is helpful. A wheelchair helps people to move around at home, at school or work, and in the community. It is a good idea to remember to be safe and to follow the rules when using a wheelchair.

When using a wheelchair in a crowded space, remember to give other people room to move too. Try not to get too close to those people or bump into them. Bumping into people could hurt them or upset them. It is good to say "sorry" if there is an accidental bump, but that should not happen very many times.

When in hallways or areas where walking is expected, try to remember to move at the same speed as walking. It is not okay to "run" in the hallways, even in a wheelchair. Using a wheelchair is helpful, but it is still important to follow the rules at home, work, or school.

It is important to watch for people and things when moving around. If there is a person or object in the way, it is polite to stop and say excuse me and to try to avoid running into people or objects. Look both ways before crossing roads, hallways, or walkways. Being safe and following the rules is always a good idea.