



Fact Sheet

Carriage of wheeled mobility devices in accessible taxis

Wheeled mobility devices such as scooters, princess chairs and wheeled walking frames are not considered safe for transport in accessible taxis while the passenger remains seated in them. This is because these types of wheeled mobility devices are structurally different from wheelchairs. Occupants of reclining chair beds (such as Princess or Regency Chairs) are most often reclined which results in inadequate restraint of the occupant in the taxi. The lack of rigidity, resulting from the reclining mechanism, presents a significant stability risk for the passenger and to allow passengers to remain seated in a reclining chair bed while travelling would endanger both the passenger and the driver in the event of an accident or if evasive action was required to avoid an accident.

However, these types of mobility devices may still be carried in an accessible taxi provided that:

- the taxi driver can safely restrain the mobility device to prevent movement; and
- the passenger can transfer from the mobility device into a fixed seat in the vehicle and use the seatbelt provided.

Wheeled mobility devices that may be carried in accessible taxis:



Wheelchairs are generally suitable to be transported in accessible taxis with the passenger seated in the wheelchair, providing the wheelchair can be appropriately secured using four anchorage points and the passenger is restrained.

Suitable wheelchairs in which a passenger can remain seated during travel:



For more information about travelling with wheeled mobility devices, visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au or phone 13 23 80.