



Why Cleaning Your Wheelchair Matters

We know your wheelchair is more than just equipment – it's part of your daily life. Like anything used every day, it collects dirt and germs. **What you may not see are biofilms — microscopic, sticky layers of bacteria and fungi that build up on surfaces. These can cause serious health issues if not properly removed.**

What The Latest Research Tells Us

- Germs can survive for weeks in biofilms on wheelchairs and mobility equipment.
- Wiping alone is not effective against biofilms.
- Regular deep cleaning significantly lowers the risk of infections and keeps equipment in good condition.

Why It's Important

Even if your wheelchair is only used by you, it still collects germs from daily use. Without cleaning, this can increase the risk of:

- Skin infections
- Urinary tract infections
- Respiratory illnesses

Keeping your equipment clean protects your health – especially if you have a lowered immune system.

Simple Steps

- Wipe down handles, hand-rims, armrests and straps regularly.
- We recommend a weekly clean at home, using Pure One Enzyme products. They are proven to tackle biofilms, are safe for sensitive people, children and pets and are all natural and eco-friendly.
- Use recommended cleaning products safe for your chair. Antibacterial wipes are a great, easy and affordable option for everyday wiping and spot cleaning.
- Take off your seat cushion cover and gentle machine wash each week. Ask your OT to order you a second cover so you can rotate them and always have a fresh one ready to go.
- The underside of cushions can become damp, encouraging microbial growth. Lift and air your cushion each day if possible.
- Schedule regular deep cleaning with a specialist professional service.

For advice, information, resources, training and to book regular deep cleaning:
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