



## ***Maintenance Tips For Your Power Wheelchair***



### ***Every Day:***

- ❑ **Before Transferring into or out of the Device:**
  - Always turn the wheelchair OFF
- ❑ **Listen to your Motor:**
  - Become familiar with the sounds it makes—what is “normal”
- ❑ **Charge your Batteries:**
  - Never allow your battery to run down entirely.
  - If your batteries are having difficulty keeping a charge, have your chair serviced as soon as possible.
  - The issue may not be with your batteries, but with the electronics.
- ❑ **Wipe down the seat and frame with a dry or slightly damp, soft cloth:**
  - Keep dust and grime to a minimum.
- ❑ **IMMEDIATELY clean up moisture and spills:**
  - DO NOT: allow moisture of any kind (urine, vomit, water, soda, juice, milk, alcoholic beverages, etc.) to come in contact with electric parts
  - Urine and soda pop are especially corrosive to electronics components
  - DO NOT: leave power wheelchair in a rain storm, use power wheelchair in a shower, leave power wheelchair in a damp area for any length of time, take power chair through a car wash or “power wash”
  - If significant fluid exposure to the electronics appears to have occurred, use of device should be discontinued. The device should then be examined by a service professional.
  - If incontinent, be vigilant regarding the clean up of fluids coming into contact with the power wheelchair base and seating system.
- ❑ **ALWAYS keep protective plastic covers (“shrouds”) in place:**
  - Shrouds do not only add to the aesthetics of your chair, but in addition will help protect your electronics from exposure to moisture or fluid spills.
  - If the shroud becomes damaged it should be replaced.
- ❑ **Inspect upholstery for rips.**
- ❑ **Headrest/armrest/footrest are properly adjusted.**

### ***Inspect/Adjust Monthly/Periodically:***

- ❑ **Wheelchairs should be examined during maintenance for signs of corrosion due to exposure to fluids (water, soda, alcohol, bodily fluids, etc.).**
  - Electrical components damaged by corrosion should be replaced IMMEDIATELY.
- ❑ **Checks wheels for cracks and wear. Replace if necessary.**
- ❑ **Inspect seat-positioning strap for any signs of wear.**
  - Ensure buckle latches and verify hardware that attaches strap to frame is secure and undamaged. Strap should be in good condition and free from tears or fraying. Replace if necessary.
- ❑ **Inspect electrical components for apparent signs of corrosion. Replace if corroded or damaged.**