

Maintenance Guide for Users of Manual and Power Wheelchairs

Wheelchair Maintenance

Wheelchair breakdowns can injure wheelchair users and limit mobility and social participation. Poor wheelchair maintenance increases the risk of wheelchair breakdowns and personal injury or death, and increases the costs of medical care. The number of users injured from wheelchair breakdowns doubled from 1991 to 2016.

This [Maintenance Guide](#) from the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center explains the importance of wheelchair maintenance. It identifies when to inspect specific parts and functions and signs of problems to look for. Also available in [Spanish](#).

Related Factsheets

- [Getting the Right Wheelchair](#)
- [The Manual Wheelchair](#)
- [The Power Wheelchair](#)

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<https://msktc.org/sci/factsheets>

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