

# 3 Wheel All Terrain Wheelchair Health & Safety Information

## Failure to adhere to the following safety precautions could result in serious injury

- Before using the wheelchair, check that the wheels are correctly locked by the clips, that the straps are suitably tightened, and that the buckles are fastened.
- Maximum weight of user is 120kgs
- More than one person in the wheelchair is prohibited
- Standing up on the seat or the footrest guard is prohibited
- The user must always be accompanied by an adult, especially when using the harness
- Modifying the structure of the wheelchair is prohibited
- Avoid going under obstacles with the wheelchair



- Do not attempt to engage on slopes greater than 15 degree grade
- Do not clear obstacles larger than 10cm from the ground
- Avoid hand-braking on steep surfaces due to the risk of overheating and injuries
- For safety reasons, the user must be seated as far back in the seat as possible against the backrest, when the wheelchair is pushed.



• The wheelchair can be turned by forcing the front wheel to skid (to the right or left) **OR** turning on "2 wheels" alone or with help (the helper has to push down on the handle bar)

### Precaution when Entering the Sea

- The user must always be accompanied by an adult especially when entering the water
- Lean forward in the wheelchair when entering the water, as the buoyancy of the front wheel may cause an imbalance and tip the wheelchair backwards
- The Hippocampe wheelchair is not a boat. It allows the wheelchair to enter into water up
  to the height of the seat for good stability, and is not designed to float with the user in it.
   The helper can hold the handle bar so it doesn't float
- Watch out for the incoming tide, currents and shore breaks, as this may tip the wheelchair

#### **Protect yourself**

Be sunsmart. Remember to **slip** on clothing, **slop** on sunscreen, **slap** on a hat, and **wrap** on some sunglasses if:

- You are outside in the warmer months between September and April, (especially between 10am and 4pm)
- You are exploring the mountains, on water, around reflective surfaces like snow, ice, concrete and sand (year-round)
- You have a health condition (such as autoimmune disorder, organ transplant recipients), or are taking medicines (such as antibiotics) that make you sensitive to the sun

Enjoy your time exploring our beautiful district in the 3 Wheel All Terrain Wheelchair!

#### **CAUTION**

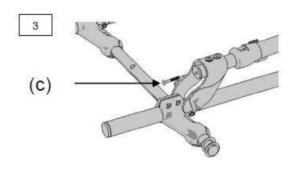


The Hippocampe wheelchair is water-resistant, but like all materials that come into contact with seawater the wheelchair must be rinsed after any use.

# Comfort Adjustment for the Hippocampe Wheelchair

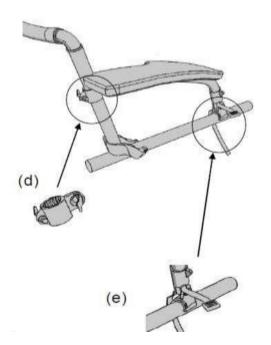
#### Inflating the Wheels

- · Use an inflating needle
- Tyre Pressure can be increased from .05 to 1.5 for solid ground
- The front tyre is a low pressure tyre (shock absorber function and avoids getting stuck)



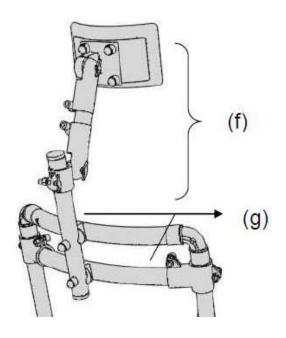
#### **Adjusting the Backrest**

- Adjust the tightness of the 2 screws (c) at the base of the backrest (figure 3)
- Both screws must be adjusted to the same tightness



#### **Adjustment of the Armrest**

- Turn wingnuts (d) and adjust to desired height
- Tighten wingnuts to lock into place
- Check the small strap is wrapped around the tube, through the buckle and tighten



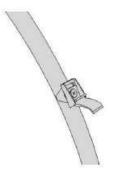
#### **Re-Position the Headrest**

- Loosen the three butterfly screws (f) and reposition
- Tighten the butterfly screws to lock in place

#### **Re-Position Height and Rotation**

 Unscrew the butterfly screws at the base of the upright tube (g)

(a)



#### **Adjust the Harness**

Pull on the buckles (a) at the end of the harness straps to tighten them

(b)



#### Quick removal

Unfasten the 4 buckles (b)