

## FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

# Terms & Conditions

These terms keep everyone safe and help your trip to the beach go smoothly. They must be read and agreed before a beach wheelchair is used. If you have any questions, please call our freephone number **03000 111 003**.

- 1 The beach wheelchair must be suitable for your needs.
- 2 All wheelchairs have a weight limit. We cannot hire a wheelchair beyond its safe capacity.
- 3 The volunteers cannot assist in transferring you into the beach wheelchair.
- 4 If using the hoist, a disclaimer must be signed. You must bring your own sling. Volunteers usually cannot use the hoist, but in exceptional circumstances may operate it under the clear direction of the client or carer.
- 5 Additional equipment is available to ensure clients are comfortable and safe in the wheelchair. Volunteers can explain the equipment available and help you choose the most appropriate.
- 6 Lap belts and harnesses must be secured before going on the beach.
- 7 Before going on the beach you must complete a form giving relevant personal and contact details, and provide proof of identification.
- 8 The wheelchairs may only be used on Fleetwood beach - not on the promenade or car park. In exceptional circumstances, and with the permission of the Trustees, they may be used elsewhere by volunteers.
- 9 You must have someone with you who is fit enough to push the wheelchair on the beach, including on pebbles and the slope to the beach.

- 10 Secure footwear is recommended, as is weather-appropriate clothing and precautions for the sun.
- 11 Clients must stay in the areas of the beach explained by the volunteers and not go into muddy sand. Stay aware of the sea conditions and tide, as these can change at any time. Extreme care must always be taken on the beach.
- 12 The wheelchairs are designed to be used in the sea, but care must be taken due to tides and sand conditions. Use them only in shallow water, as they can become unstable in deep water – the seat must not be submerged.
- 13 If there are any problems or concerns about the wheelchair while using it, contact the volunteers immediately using the number you are given.
- 14 You must return the wheelchair by the time requested by the volunteers.

### **Agreement**

By using a Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs beach wheelchair you confirm you have read, understood and agree to these terms and conditions. A copy is available at the Wheel Base and must be agreed before use.