

## Using Power Wheelchairs

### and Scooters:

*an outing checklist*



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- Change speed and stop
- Put on the seatbelt
- Charge the battery
- Keep loose items away from wheels
- Adjust footrest or seat
- Obtain help in case of a flat tire
- Change to manual (push) mode (if applicable)
- Perform tilt backs (if applicable).

#### General considerations:

- Follow manufacturer instructions for use and maintenance.
- Cover controls with plastic bag if they could get wet.
- Turn power off when not in motion (to avoid bumping controls and to conserve the battery).
- Use low speed in tight spaces and when turning.
- Be aware of curb edges, fragile objects, and pedestrians' feet.
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