The wheelchair will last longer if it is regularly maintained. If users are unable to maintain the wheelchair themselves it should be taken to a mechanic or the service centre which provided the wheelchair.

General reminders
§ Never position the wheelchair near fire
§ Be careful when smoking in or near the wheelchair
§ Do not shower, enter the sea or river in the wheelchair
§ Do not leave the product outside during heavy rain or saturate during cleaning
§ Following contact with salt water the product should first be cleaned with fresh water and then fully dried
§ Keeping the wheelchair clean will increase the life of the wheelchair
§ If the paint on the frame becomes scratched, paint the affected area immediately to ensure that it does not corrode
§ Check nuts and bolts at least once a month
**Care and Maintenance Instructions**

**Cushion and Upholstery**
- Check condition at least once a month
- Look for ripped fabric or seams and worn out foam
- Return wheelchair to service centre if user has problems or concerns with their cushion
- Keep the cover upholstery tight at all times
- Wash cushion cover whenever it is un-clean, or comes in contact with urine
- Dry the cushion fully before re-fitting to the wheelchair
- Never expose the cushion to direct sunlight, even when drying

**Armrests**
- Demonstrate how to remove and correctly fit the armrests

**Wheels**
- If wheels do not run smoothly, the bearings may need changing
- Check tyres are hard, at least once a month
- Fix any punctures immediately
- Check spokes are tight, at least once a month

**Rear Wheel Quick-Release**
- Check the rear wheel lock bolts are secure, at least once a month

**Brakes**
- Never put hand on the brakes during transfers

**Footrest**
- Never put hand on the footrest during transfers
- Never stand or carry loads on the footrest
- Check toe-straps regularly for damage and do not leave them to hang down below footrest

**Castor Wheel**
- If it does not run smoothly, the bearings may need changing

**Transporting Wheelchair**
- Remove the cushion
- Flip-up the footrests
- Pull seat upwards to fold sideframes together
- Don’t pick wheelchair up by the armrests