



Debug/Hippocampe and Terrabeach Wheelchairs Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile No: _____

Email Address: _____

Driving Licence No: _____ (please enclose photo of licence)

Date Required: _____ Time: _____

First Use and Precautions for Use

First Use:

1. As is the case with classic wheelchairs, there is a period of adaptation for using each of the wheelchairs.
2. The exterior all terrain wheels serve as a hand rim for self-propelling users, the grip inside the rim provides better handling.
3. The balloon wheels require the assistance of a carer/personal assistant.
4. The Hippocampe wheelchair is designed for a maximum weight of 130kg = 20.47 stone.
5. The Debug wheelchair is designed for a maximum weight of 158kg = 25 stone.
6. The Terrabeach wheelchair is designed for a maximum weight of 115kilos = 18 stone.

Precautions for Use:

1. **The wheelchairs are not boats. They may be brought to the water's edge but must never be brought in past the height of the wheelchair axle. It is strongly advised to never float the wheelchair with the user in it.**
2. You must always wear a buoyancy aid if entering the water. You should remain within the designated swimming area denoted by signs located on the beach.
3. On entering water, it is recommended that you lean forward. (The buoyancy of the front wheel can throw you off balance backwards).
4. A carer/personal assistant is required for entering the water.



5. Users must be pushed/assisted exclusively by capable adults (especially when balloon wheels are in use).
6. The utmost caution is recommended on beaches and steep slipways (apply breaks).
7. Do not use the wheelchair when a wheel is punctured or flat.
8. Using the wheelchair with more than one person in the seat is prohibited.
9. Standing up on the seat or the footrest guard is prohibited.
10. Modifying the structure of the wheelchair is prohibited.
11. Avoid going under obstacles with the wheelchair.
12. Avoid hand-braking on steep surfaces due to the risk of heating and injury.
13. Do not move about on inclinations greater than 15%.
14. Do not attempt to clear obstacles larger than 10cm.
15. Do not smoke while using the wheelchair, the seat is designed not to catch fire (within 15 seconds) on contact with cigarettes or matches, allowing the user time to react.
16. You must always be accompanied during the use of the wheelchairs or when the requirement of a harness is in use.

I have read/listened, understand and agree to abide by the terms of use of the Debug/Hippocampe/Terrabeach wheelchair.

Mandatory

Signed: _____ Printed: _____

Date: _____

Please return signed form to enviro@sligococo.ie or by post to:

Environment Section, Sligo County Council, County Hall, Riverside, Sligo.