

For Care Givers: Changing Needs, Continued

Wheelchair: When leg strength weakens, mobility is still possible with these wheels!



Safety

- Transfers - Care givers must be safe, too!
- Observation - It may **not** be wise to leave your loved one alone

Equipment

- Gait belt - ask medical care giver to demonstrate how to use gait belt to help with transfers
- Door width - will wheelchair fit?
- Cushion - comfort for the bum is vital
- Commode

Priorities

- Change - may go out less often
- Limits - Is there a ramp? Can care givers lift wheelchair out of car?
- Dependence - As more help is needed, frustrations may surface

Notes: