

Coldingham Beach Wheelchairs

Terms and Conditions of Hire

1. If you have booked a wheelchair but cannot now take up the booking, you must inform us **as soon as possible** (sean@seathechange.org.uk / info@seathechange.org.uk).
2. You must also show proof of ID: i.e. Drivers Licence, Passport, Credit/Debit Card.
3. The hirer of the beach wheelchair agrees that their use of the wheelchair is **entirely at their own risk**
4. The user must ensure that the wheelchair is suitable for their needs and that they are able to transfer into it safely - there is a hoist available, but our volunteers cannot assist you with transfers between wheelchairs
5. The wheelchairs must only be used on Coldingham Sands, unless otherwise agreed.
6. When in the sea, users must always be accompanied by an adult
7. The beach wheelchair can be taken into the shallows only (6" or 15cm depth). The seat of the beach wheelchair should not be submerged and **extreme care must be taken** at all times - please be aware of current sea conditions and always consider that these can change at any time
8. Sea the Change reserves the right to cancel the hire in the event of bad weather
9. The wheelchair must not be left unattended at any time
10. The hirer takes full responsibility for the wheelchair and returns it in good condition
11. An inspection of the equipment will be made upon its return
12. Sea the Change has the right to take further reasonable action if the wheelchair is returned damaged, soiled or dirty after use
13. Sea the Change reserves the right to refuse the loan of the wheelchair
14. The hirer accepts that circumstances beyond Sea the Change's control may prevent the hire taking place

Basic Safety Rules

1. It is especially important that the Hirer is confident in the use of the Beach Wheelchair and thoroughly familiarises themselves with its safe operation at the beginning of the hire - this particularly applies to the use of the wheelchair by small children
2. Ensure you read the wheelchair user guide and understand the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight
3. Know your own limitations in terms of strength and endurance before attempting any manoeuvres
4. When in the wheelchair, use a sunscreen or umbrella to avoid sunburn
5. The wheelchair frame can become hot when left outdoors during hot weather
6. Do not allow children to stand on any part of the wheelchair
7. Secure footwear is recommended for pushing a Beach Wheelchair
8. Please return the wheelchair at the agreed time - if you are going to be late please contact the volunteer on duty or Sean, the Project Officer: 07913 3987256