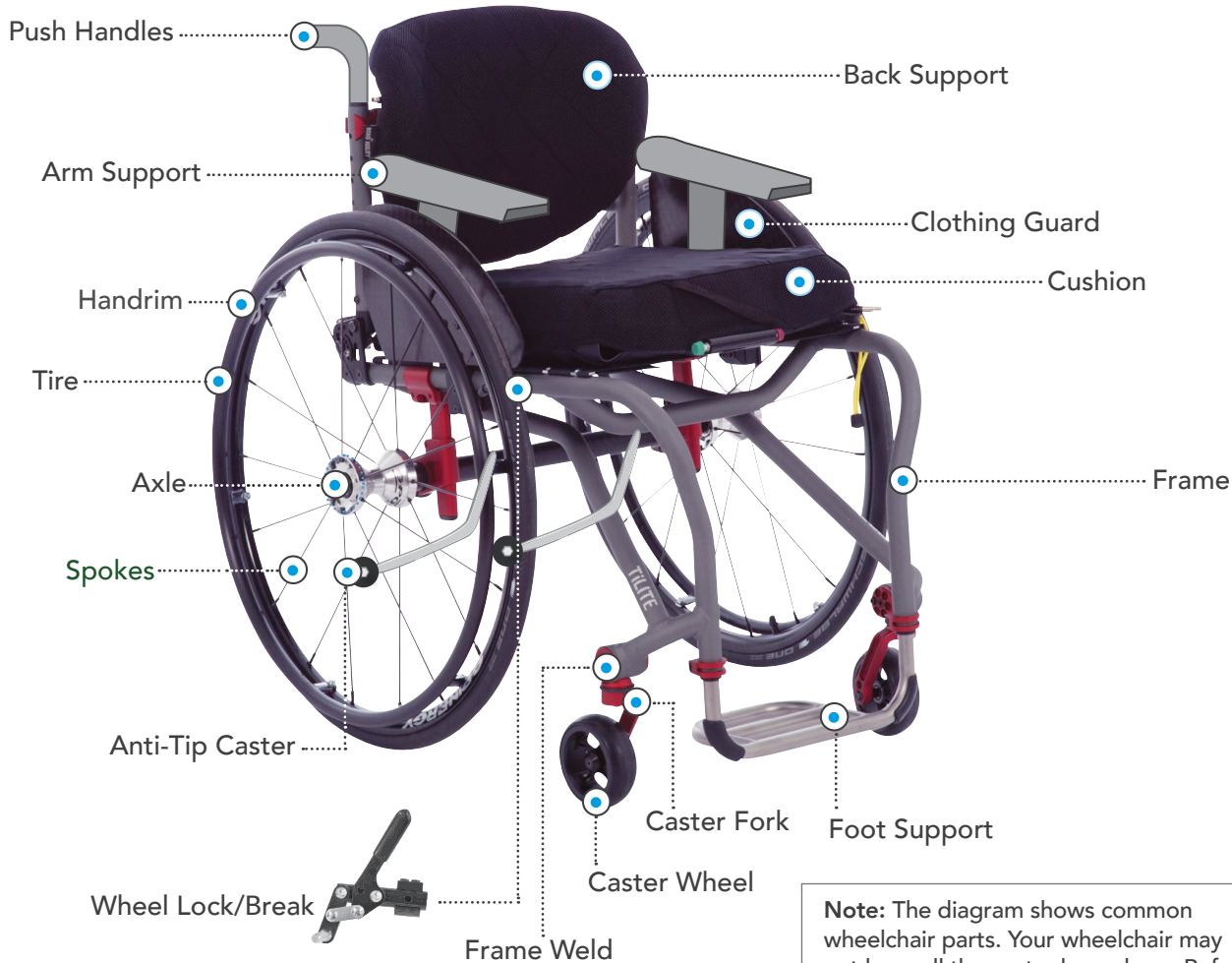


# Know and Maintain Your Rigid Manual Wheelchair

Wheelchair maintenance can reduce wheelchair breakdowns, injury and related consequences, as well as costs for repairs and replacement.



**Note:** The diagram shows common wheelchair parts. Your wheelchair may not have all the parts shown here. Refer to your wheelchair's manual for guidance.

## Maintenance Schedule

Click for Maintenance and Inspection Details.

<https://msktc.org/sites/default/files/MSKTC-Wheelchair-Maint-508.pdf>

### WEEKLY

Inspect cushion and cover

Inspect tire pressure (pneumatic ONLY)

### MONTHLY

#### Casters

Clean and inspect caster bearings

Inspect anti-tip

#### Cushion

Wipe down cushion and cover

#### Frame

Inspect cross-brace, suspension, and welds

Wipe down frame

#### Rear Wheels

Inspect alignment, bearings, hand rim, brake, quick-release axle, spokes, and tires

Wipe down and lubricate rear wheel axle

#### Supports

Inspect arm, back, and foot supports

Inspect clothing guard

Inspect upholstery (including stitching & rivets)

Wipe down upholstery and supports

Visit the [Wheelchair Maintenance Guide on MSKTC.org](https://msktc.org/sci-topics/wheelchair-information) for more resources about wheelchair inspection and maintenance: <https://msktc.org/sci-topics/wheelchair-information>

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