Know and Maintain Your Power Wheelchair

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



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

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Maintenance Schedule

Click for Maintenance and Inspection Details.

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

DAILY

Frame

Inspect Shroud

Electrical System

Charge batteries; Inspect controls, indicators, horn, motor sound, motor

WEEKLY

Wheels

Inspect tires

Cushion

Inspect cover

MONTHLY

Frame

Inspect welds and suspension

Cushion

Wipe down cushion and cover

Wheels

Inspect drive wheels, caster wheels, anti-tip casters; Clean caster axle

Supports

Inspect positioning belts, arm, foot, leg, back and other supports

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