

WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT—FOCUS ON SAFETY

1 Before the Trip

Your bus should have enough securement straps and shoulder lap belts for all students using wheelchairs currently assigned to your bus

Loading and Unloading

- Position bus on even ground
- Deploy lift fully
- Face the chair outward
- Lock the brakes
- Communicate with the child
- Never ride the lift: Never stand on the lift

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On the Bus

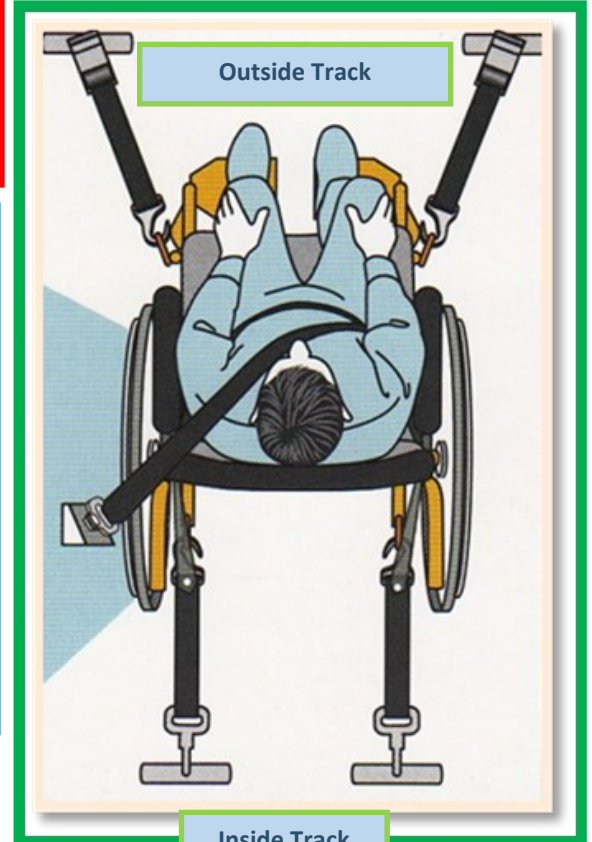
- Unlock the brakes
- Position the chair for securement

Secure the Chair

- Child faces forward in their wheelchair
- Secure straps to frame, at welded joints or hooks
- Front** tie downs must be secured on the outside track
- Rear** tie downs must be secured on the inside track
- Try to move the wheelchair gently to confirm the straps are secure

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Use all straps (at least 4)
Add more for extremely heavy chairs

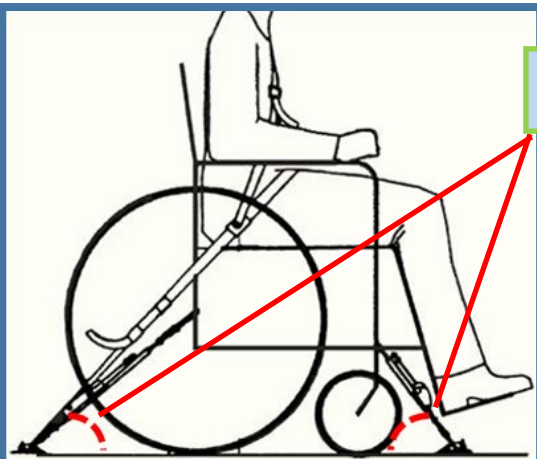


Protect the Rider

- Shoulder belt **must be used** attached to D-ring or track on side-wall of bus
- Lap belt must be placed low across the pelvis
- Shoulder belt crosses the middle of the shoulder and the center of the chest
- Shoulder belt attaches to lap belt with buckle on the side
- Anchor lap belt to track on floor
- Remove** and store lap trays safely
- Remove and safely store unused tie downs
- All loose items (book bag, oxygen, lap tray) on bus must be stored securely: these items may become projectiles in a crash

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Tie-down angles 45°



Questions or Concerns?

Speak with your Dispatcher or Trainer about equipment
Speak with school staff about students' needs