



## MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS

Provides patients that are non-ambulatory or have limited mobility with an effective means of comfort and mobility.

Wheelchairs come in many different shapes, sizes, and brands. They have a maximum weight limit that they can support. Make sure you verify the weight capacity of your wheelchair. At all times, the user must follow and abide by all manufacturers' safety and operational procedures.

**FOLDING THE WHEELCHAIR:** Raise the footplates, and then lift up the middle of the seat's upholstery until the chair is nearly closed. Tuck upholstery down between seat rails and tilt chair backwards to finish folding. NOTE: To prevent tire damage, never store or transport your wheelchair with the wheel locks on.

**UNFOLDING THE WHEELCHAIR:** Push down on the seat rail area until the wheelchair has fully opened, and then fold down the footplates. NOTE: Most wheelchairs come with anti-tipping devices attached. These devices are designed to help backward tipping of the wheelchair. These devices must always be in place.

### ADJUSTMENTS:

**A. FOOT REST:** The footplate can be adjusted vertically. The length of the foot rest should be adjusted so that the person's thighs are parallel to the floor.

**B. LEG REST:** Elevating leg rests are raised to desired position by lifting at the front of the footplate. To release, raise the release lever and the leg rest will return to a down position. The calf panel may be adjusted vertically for proper support.

**C. SWING-AWAY DETACHABLE FOOT/LEG RESTS:** To swing the foot or leg rest out of the way for transferring, simply release the lever/lock and it will swing away. A slight push returns the foot rest/leg rest to its position.

### MAINTENANCE:

Binson's is dedicated to complete customer care and wants to service your wheelchair needs. You should perform visual checks on the wheelchair at least monthly. If any item is ripped or worn, it should be replaced immediately. If any item needs adjusting, it should be done immediately. Wheelchair inspection and cleaning is recommended at three month intervals. Contact your Binson's representative to schedule regular maintenance care.

Follow any additional instructions in your owner's manual.

**SAFETY:** Use extra caution for mobility risks and risks of falling, including:

- A. **Poor Lighting:** Use of nightlights, flashlight by bedside, lamps or light switch that can easily be reached.
- B. **Poor Walk Spaces:** Fix loose floorboards, paint uneven floors, use wet floor signs, keep snow and ice cleared from entrances, ensure carpet is firmly attached to stairs, do not walk in stocking feet, and remove loose rugs, clutter, cords, and excess oxygen tubing (when applicable).
- C. **Equipment:** Replace worn or cracked walkers, crutches and cane tips; use colored oxygen tubing on light carpet; tighten loose handrails.
- D. **Bathroom:** Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use elevated toilet seat.
- E. **Medications:** Be aware of medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and unsteadiness.