Usage of Mobility Vehicles

Mobility scooters and motorised wheelchairs can be dangerous to other members of the public if they are not operated properly and carefully.

Further information regarding training for usage can be found in the Mobility Vehicle Policy (April 2015), with some useful websites for further reading.

If you are thinking of purchasing a mobility vehicle please ensure it is fit for your needs and you receive adequate training on the safe usage of the vehicle. The company selling or leasing the vehicle may be able to provide basic training.

Please note — this policy applies to sheltered and extra care housing only. A list of the affected accommodation is presented on page 10 of the mobility vehicle policy.

This information leaflet has been produced to supplement the “Mobility Vehicle Policy—April 2015”

This information leaflet should be read in conjunction with the Mobility Vehicle Policy.

If you require further information please speak to your scheme manager or housing management officer.

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Mobility Vehicle Policy

This information leaflet has been produced to support the Mobility Vehicle Policy - April 2015.

Please read all the conditions and guidance contained within the policy document before purchasing or leasing a mobility vehicle.

Requesting Permission for Storage

If you would like to request a space to store your mobility vehicle within the schemes designated storage area you will need to speak to your scheme manager regarding the space availability.

A permission form will need to be completed and a declaration signed stating you understand the terms and conditions for storing your mobility vehicle there.

If you need a permission form please speak to your scheme manager or visit our website to download and print a copy.

Do’s & Don’ts for safe storage

Do NOT store your scooter or wheelchair in any communal area other than the designated storage area.

Do NOT charge your scooter or wheelchair in any communal area other than the designated storage area.

Do NOT allow visiting guests to store and charge their mobility vehicles anywhere within the scheme.

DO drive with due care and attention when in and around the scheme.

Insurance

We would recommend that all owners or prospective owners of mobility vehicles look at purchasing liability insurance and the costs associated with this before purchasing or leasing a scooter or motorised wheelchair.

The majority of mobility vehicles (scooters & wheelchairs) on the market are large, bulky, and heavy. Having adequate 3rd party liability insurance will help cover the costs of any potential claims made against you.

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)

Any Mobility Vehicles that are going to be charged, or are already stored and charged in the schemes mobility vehicle storage area will require an annual Portable Appliance Test.

Portable Appliance Tests will be carried out by Darlington Borough Council on behalf of the tenant. At this moment, Housing Services will not recharge tenants for the costs associated with testing.

Your scheme manager will inform you of the date for the test, you must ensure the charging equipment is available on the day.

If you miss the testing it will be your responsibility to get the charging equipment tested before it can be used again within the scheme’s storage area.

If you store your motorised wheelchair in your flat you will Not be required to get the charging equipment tested.