

## Dublin City Council

### Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair

#### Terms and Conditions - First Use and Precautions for Use

##### FIRST USE

1. As is the case with classic wheelchairs, there is a period of adaption for using the Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair.
2. The exterior all terrain wheels serve as a hand rim for self-propelling users, the grip inside the rim provides better handling.
3. The balloon wheels require the assistance of a carer / personal assistant.

##### PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

1. The Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair **is not a boat**. It allows entry to the water **up to the height of the wheelchair axle** and is not designed to float with the user in it.
2. Do not immerse the Hippocampe/DeBug wheelchair – water must not go above the height of the rear axle.
3. The Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair is designed for a maximum weight of 130kg = 20.47 stone.
4. **Wearing a buoyancy aid is obligatory if entering the water. It is also obligatory to remain within the designated swimming area noted by flags located on the beach.**
5. On entering water it is recommended that you lean forward. (The buoyancy of the front wheel can throw you off balance backwards).
6. **A carer/personal assistant is required for entering the water and also for transferring to and from the chair.**
7. Users must be pushed / assisted exclusively by capable adults (especially when balloon wheels are in use)
8. The utmost caution is recommended on beaches and steep slipways (apply brakes).
9. Do not use the Hippocampe/ DeBug Beach Wheelchair when a wheel is punctured or flat.
10. Using the Hippocampe/DeBug wheelchair with more than one person in the seat **is prohibited.**
11. Standing up on the seat or the footrest guard **is prohibited.**
12. Modifying the structure of the Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair **is prohibited.**
13. Avoid going under obstacles with the Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair.
14. Avoid hand-braking on steel surfaces due to the risk of heating and injury.
15. Do not move about on inclinations greater than 15%.
16. Do not attempt to clear obstacles larger than 10cm.
17. Do not smoke while using the wheelchair, the seat is designed not to catch fire (within 15 seconds) on contact with cigarettes or matches, allowing the user time to react.
18. **You must always be accompanied for entering the water, or when the requirement of a harness is in use.**

**I have read / listened, understand and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of First Use and Precautions for Use of the Hippocampe/DeBug Beach Wheelchair.**

**MANDATORY**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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