

# Hippocampe Wheelchair

## First Use and Precautions for Use

### First Use:

1. As is the case with classic wheelchairs, there is a period of adaptation for using the Hippocampe.
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 required the assistance of a carer/personal assistant.

### Precautions for Use:

1. The Hippocampe wheelchair **is not a boat**. It allows entry into 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 wheelchair – water must not go above the height of the rear axle.
3. The Hippocampe 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 signs 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.**
7. Users must be pushed/assisted exclusively by capable adults (especially when balloon wheels in use).
8. The utmost caution is recommended on beaches and steep slipways (apply breaks).
9. Do not use the Hippocampe wheelchair when a wheel is punctured or flat.
10. Using the Hippocampe 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 wheelchair **is prohibited**.
13. Avoid going under obstacles with the Hippocampe wheelchair.
14. Avoid hand-braking on steep 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 water, or when the requirement of a harness is in use.**

*I have read/listened, understand and agree to abide by the terms of use of the Hippocampe wheelchair.*

**Mandatory**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (required)