A GROWING RISK

As our population continues to age, more and more people are using wheelchairs every day.

Each time someone transfers in and out of a wheelchair, there is always a risk of falling.

Wheelchair falls often result in serious injury that requires long-term medical care, even though most falls could be prevented.

Although wheelchairs have manual brakes, they are of no value if the user forgets or is unable to use them correctly. The very act of applying the brakes before exiting a chair requires two physical actions: applying the brakes, then bracing on the wheelchair's arms.

It is no wonder the incidence of falls is so great among users who have experienced strokes, have Alzheimer's Disease or multiple sclerosis.

Not to mention, users who are new to wheelchairs, and simply forget to set the locks each and every time before getting into, or out of their wheelchair.

Safer Locks effectively eliminates any human error out of having locked wheels during transfers, giving you and your loved ones one less thing to worry about.



A PRODUCT LONG OVERDUE

Physician Grady Dugas, the inventor of the automatic wheelchair locking system, saw a crying need for the automatic locks while treating patients in nursing homes. Some patients fell repeatedly, often injuring themselves seriously while attempting to get into or out of their wheelchairs. They did not consistently remember to engage the wheelchairs' manual brakes. As a result, the wheelchairs would roll away from them as they attempted to stand up. Often these injuries changed the quality of the rest of the patients' lives," said Dr. Dugas. To help these people, the wheelchair brakes needed to be automatic.

Dr. Dugas made it his mission to solve the problem. After experimenting with various designs, Dr. Dugas was awarded patent # 5,203,433 on April 20, 1993 for his wheelchair automatic wheel lock system. Since that time, working in conjunction with Bill Hoge and the staff at United Plastic Molders, the wheelchair wheel locking system has been refined and improved. Today, the Safer Wheelchair Wheel Lock is the preferred automatic wheel locking system on the market



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SAFER LOCKS FEATURES

- With Safer Locks, the wheelchair is always locked when empty. This allows the user to enter or exit the chair without the fear of the chair rolling out from under them
- Safer Locks quickly locks the wheels when the user rises, ensuring a stationary and stable platform each and every time the user transfers in or out of the chair
- Safer Locks are a positive locking system that keeps the chair from moving forward or backward, unlike other products that are anti-rollback only
- The chair can still be folded and operates just as it did before Safer Locks were installed
- Override levers mounted on the handles of the chair allow it to be pushed as normal
- Paddles underneath the seat are operated with a light spring so the user will not feel them
- Safer Locks will support heavy gel cushion
- Safer Locks is a patented design. No other product on the market can make these claims



ORDERING OPTIONS

- 1. Safer Locks can be **pre-installed** on many leading wheelchair models* and shipped directly to your facility
- 2. Ready-to-install kits* shipped to you for installation on your wheelchair. Detailed installation instructions and DVD are included. If there are no Safer Lock dealers in your area**, one of our service technicians are always available by phone if assistance is needed
- ** For dealers in your area call Safer Automatic Wheelchair Wheel Locks at 800-890-5113
- * Current Wheelchair Kit Fit List:

Invacare

Tracer EX2 / IV



- 9000SL
- 9000XT / 9000XDT

Medline

- Excel 2000 (18" only)
- Excel Narrow ٠
- Excel K3 (16" & 18" only) ٠
- Excel Wide (20" only) ٠

Sunrise Medical

Breezy 600/Ultra 4

Drive Medical

Sentra and Sentra EC

LONG TERM CARE, ASSISTED LIVING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES

- Installation Days can be scheduled where ٠ we can come to your facility and install Safer Locks on existing wheelchairs*
- Installation Training If your facility is interested in doing its own installations; training can be scheduled just for maintenance staff or any other staff member who may install Safer Lock Kits
- \Rightarrow *This time could also be used for training any maintenance staff on installation of Safer Locks

DEMO A SAFER LOCK CHAIR:

If you are new to Safer Locks, we are happy to provide a Safer Lock chair at no cost for a

HIGHEST QUALITY MATERIALS

The materials used in the locks include Zvtel nylon, a component that is strong, durable, and slides easily against itself and metal without lubrication.

Even when exposed to moisture, Zytel will not corrode.





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