

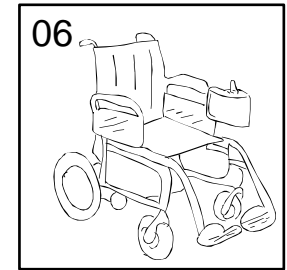
This is one of 18 leaflets in the "WiseBuy" series to enable people to choose the right product for easier living. The titles include:

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Don't get stuck in a rut...

... read our useful information guide
 before you buy an
Electric Wheelchair.



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Can you say YES to these questions?

Have you approached your local Wheelchair Service to see if you are eligible for a loan electric wheelchair? YES []

Have you applied for a Disability Living Allowance towards your mobility needs if you are under 65? YES []

Have you talked to family, friends or a therapist about buying a chair? Get as much information as you can. YES []

Are you aware there are Class 2 and Class 3 electric wheelchairs? YES []

Do you know there are alternatives such as electric motor attachments for an existing manual wheelchair? YES []

Have you tried more than one electric wheelchair around your home and neighbourhood to compare them? Check kerbs, doorways, tight corners and rough ground if necessary. YES []

Have you thought about where you will store the chair when not in use, have you got ramps if necessary at your front and back door? Check with Care Direct to see if they can help before you buy your electric wheelchair. YES []

In you intend transporting your chair in a car, have you checked that you or you carer can physically manage this? Even in parts, electric wheelchairs are heavy. YES []

Will the chair still suit you in a few years time? YES []

Have you thought about maintenance? The chair will need charging, cleaning and repair. The tyres may need pumping up. Is the repair service local? YES []

When you try a selection of chairs, check the seating. Do you look good and feel secure and stable. A good chair should support your arms, back, thigh and trunk but allow a little space for outdoor clothing is necessary. YES []

Can you control the chair well? Try different controls if necessary and practice for a least an hour. Controls can be very sensitive until you get used to them. YES []

Can you confidently transfer in and out of the chair in the manner you are happy with? YES []

COULD YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL THE QUESTIONS?

**IF NOT TELEPHONE YOUR LOCAL
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01392 687276**

Useful tips to help YOU decide

- Electric wheelchairs are available with many special features such as:
 - Elevating leg rest
 - Special seating
 - Reclining backs
 - Stand up mechanisms
 - and a lot more ...

**New electric wheelchairs for
indoor/outdoor use start from
around £2,200
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Assist UK is the national network for advice on independent living equipment where anyone having difficulty with everyday tasks can get advice, information and try out a wide range of products and solutions.

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