SECURE Wheelchair Positioning Cushions

Purpose:

The aim of this fact sheet is to:

- Identify the goals of wheelchair seating and positioning.
- Describe the components of the wheelchair seating assessment.
- Describe PSC's product line of wheelchair positioning cushions.

Wheelchair Falls and Positioning Problems

• Falls from wheelchairs are common and generally occur when residents either lean too far forward in their chairs leading to wheelchair instability or slide out of their chairs. Residents with cognitive impairment and/or lower extremity problems are at special risk.



• Wheelchair positioning problems occur in residents who lack the postural stability required to maintain an upright posture in the chair. Residents with muscle weakness, paralysis, abnormal muscle tone, or muscle imbalance are at risk.

Wheelchair Seating and Positioning Goals

- Provide adequate postural support needed to facilitate resident safety and proper positioning.
- Provide seating comfort and avoid pressure sores.

Wheelchair Seating and Positioning Assessment

The assessment includes:

- Identifying problems and underlying reasons;
- Assessing current function, posture, mobility, and equipment; and
- Arriving at seating and positioning recommendations.

The assessment is best completed by a physical or occupational therapist and the resident's nursing caregivers working in partnership.

PSC's Wheelchair Positioning Cushions

The right wheelchair positioning cushion can provide both positioning and comfort, as well as helping to prevent falls and pressure sores. PSC's wheelchair positioning cushions are ideal for residents with:

- Mobility and balance disabilities
- Past history of wheelchair falls
- Spinal cord injury
- Stroke
- Dementia
- Neurological disorders



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S∈⊂ R∈ Easy-Release Lap Cushion w/Safety Straps

Designed to provide proper positioning and comfort while promoting safety. Prevents residents from:

- Sliding out of their wheelchair.
- Leaning forward and falling out of their wheelchair.
 - Flame Retardant
 - 20"W x 4"H x 11"-8"D
 - Fits 18" x 22" wheelchairs & geri-chairs
 - Easy-Release Velcro[®] Straps
 - Mildew Resistant Ultra Soft Vinyl
 - Provides resident an elbow rest & work surface

Secure Deluxe Arm Support Cushion for Wheelchair

Designed to:

- Help limit lateral leaning.
- Provide stable support for impaired arms.
- Support residents with stroke and upper extremity weakness/paralysis.
 - Flame Retardant
 - 7"W x 16"L x 9"H
 - Mildew Resistant Ultra Soft Vinyl
 - High Density Foam for Resident Comfort
 - Easy To Use
 - Latex-Free

SECURE Wheelchair Convex Pommel Cushion with Safety Straps

Designed to:

- Support knee/hip positioning,
- Prevent forward thrust or sliding out of the wheelchair, and
- Avoid pressure ulcers.
 - Flame Retardant
 - 17.5" W x 16" L x 3.5" H
 - Convex bottom
 - 2.75" pommel will provide improved male seating comfort versus competitive 4" pommels
 - Slip-Resistant Bottom Prevents Movement In Chair
 - Safety Straps To Secure Seat Cushion Placement

SEC⊍RE Wedge Seat Cushion w/ Safety Straps

Designed to:

- Provide proper pelvic positioning.
- Prevent sliding down in seat. Note: For this use always place the high edge of this cushion forward.
- Promote easy chair egress in residents with stroke and other neurological impairments. Note: For this use always place the high edge at the back.
- Avoid pressure ulcers.
 - Flame Retardant
 - 18"W x 16"L x 4"-2"H
 - Flat bottom
 - Slip-Resistant Bottom Prevents Movement In Chair
 - Safety Straps To Secure Seat Cushion Placement
 - Incontinence & Mildew Resistant Ultra Soft Vinyl



Model # SLC-1



Model # SDAS-1



Model # SWSC-1

All Wheelchair Cushions Meet CA #117, Section E, Flame Retardant Standards

WARNING: If any wheelchair positioning cushion prevents a resident from accomplishing an attainable goal such as standing or walking ON THEIR OWN, it is considered a restraint. IF THIS IS THE CASE, DO NOT USE THE WHEELCHAIR POSITIONING CUSHION!



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