

# Foam Cushions for Use with Wheelchairs

*These instructions are guidelines only. Use only as instructed by your healthcare provider.*

## What is a Foam Cushion Used For?

Foam Cushions on wheelchairs provide additional comfort, support and pressure management.

## How Do I Install the Wheelchair Cushion?

- Place the cushion directly on the wheelchair seat, ensuring it fits snugly.

### Note:

1. A seat cushion's size should be matched exactly to the wheelchair's seat size
  2. Remember that a seat cushion's height adds to the wheelchair's seat-to-floor height, so a taller cushion will cause you to sit taller (which can be an issue fitting under tables and desks)
- Do not place another cushion underneath the foam cushion provided as this can result in instability of the user and in some instances may lead to the user sliding off the wheelchair.



**⚠ WARNING** Ensure that the cushion remains directly on the wheelchair seat and does not slide while in use. If the cushion is moving and causing the user to slide contact your healthcare provider for an alternative.

**⚠ WARNING** Use only clean and dry cushion to prevent possible skin breakdown.

## How Do I Care for the Foam Cushion?

- Inspect the cushion regularly for dampness, degraded materials, damaged foam or cover.
- If removeable, the cushion cover can be machine washed on a cool cycle. If the cover is not removeable, the cushion cover may be cleaned with a mild household detergent and water and left to dry before use. Hang to dry.
- Do not use fabric softener, bleach or any solvents when cleaning or laundering.

***Please ensure that equipment returned to the Red Cross is clean and in good condition.***

