

# Mobility Scooter & Power Wheelchair Safety Checklist

*Use this checklist to help you stay safe, confident and in control when using your mobility scooter or power wheelchair.*

## **Before You Set Off**

- Check your battery is charged
- Make sure tyres, brakes and controls are working properly
- Ensure lights and reflectors are clean and visible
- Plan your route to avoid uneven pavements or steep areas
- Take a mobile phone with you in case of emergencies

## **Staying Safe While Out**

- Keep your speed low on pavements (max 4mph)
- Slow down in busy or shared spaces
- Give pedestrians plenty of space
- Take extra care on uneven surfaces and dropped kerbs
- Approach kerbs straight on to reduce risk of tipping
- Be mindful of weather conditions (wet or icy surfaces can be hazardous)

## **Confidence and Skills**

- Consider training or guidance when starting out
- Practise manoeuvring in tight spaces
- Understand your scooter or wheelchair's speed settings and controls
- Know your limits and take breaks if needed

## Insurance and Protection

- Check if you have appropriate insurance in place
- Consider cover for:
  - Public liability
  - Theft or damage
  - Breakdown assistance
- Keep a note of your policy details and emergency contacts

## Maintenance and Ongoing Care

- Keep your equipment clean and well maintained
- Arrange regular servicing if needed
- Report any faults early to your supplier or provider

## Support and Advice

Know where to go for help:

- Local mobility retailers
- Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough City Council
- NHS teams (if equipment provided through the NHS)
- Community organisations and support groups

## Final Check

Do you feel confident and comfortable using your scooter or wheelchair today? If not, seek advice or support before heading out.