

North Somerset Council – Loan Agreement for Beach Wheelchair

The Tropicana Building, Marine Parade, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1BE

Tel: 01934 626 982 Email: seafront.office@n-somerset.gov.uk

HIRE PERIOD: 2 hours from: _____ to _____ DATE _____

IDENTIFICATION (i.e. Driver's Licence): _____

HIRER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

TELEPHONE: _____

The beach wheelchair is the property of North Somerset Council. It must be returned undamaged and in good condition to The Tropicana at the end of the loan agreement dates. It must not be taken outside Weston-super-Mare beach area except between the collection and drop off point at The Tropicana. It is fully insured under public liability but is not insured against theft or damage. It is supplied to the person named in this agreement in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

You must comply with the instructions and safety precautions on this agreement and on the website at <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/beachwheelchair>. Your signature on this document confirms that you have read and understood the terms.

Privacy Notice: North Somerset Council is the Data Controller under the new data protection law and will use the information you provide on this form solely in order to hire you the above equipment. We will keep your data for up to three years. The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for the performance of a public task.

Our contact details for any queries, are The Seafront Operations Manager, Tropicana Building, Marine Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1BE, Telephone **01934 626 982**

Email: seafront.office@n-somerset.gov.uk

Individuals have a number of rights under data protection law, including the right to request their information. You also have a right to make a complaint about our handling of your personal data to the Information Commissioner's Office <https://ico.org.uk>

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Basic Safety Rules

It is very important that the Borrower/s are confident in the use of the Beach Wheelchair and thoroughly familiarise themselves with their safe operation before the beginning of the loan.

- a. This wheelchair must be used under the supervision of an able-bodied adult at all times. It is not designed for self-propelling and therefore has no brakes.
- b. The manufacturer's recommended maximum weight is 22 stone (308lbs) and minimum height is 3ft tall.
- c. Do not step on the footrest during transfer as this could cause the wheelchair to tip. Raise the armrests, entering and exiting the chair from the side only.
- d. Do not use the armrests during transfer.
- e. Know your own limitations in terms of strength and endurance before attempting any manoeuvres.
- f. Do not submerge the wheelchair in water.
- g. When in hot weather, remember to use a sunscreen or umbrella to avoid sunburn. Also, the wheelchair frame can become hot.
- h. Do not allow children to stand on the bar at the back of the wheelchair.
- i. The wheelchair is designed for use on the beach where it is much easier to control than on hard surfaces. Its use on pavements should therefore be restricted to travelling to and from the Tropicana and the beach.
- j. Please ensure that the safety strap is placed comfortably around the user, clipped in and is used at all times.

Beach Safety

Please take heed of all warning signs along the beach as there is no lifeguard on duty.

Do not "chase the tide line". Due to our status of having the second highest tidal range in the world, the sea does retreat a long distance when the tide is out. There is dangerous quick-sand and sinking mud. When the tide is in, the sinking mud is not exposed.

Contact us on 01934 626 982 if you have any difficulty. First Aid is available on the same number. If you are unable to get through, please contact our CCTV control room on **01934 634 711** who will contact one of our Seafront Rangers to assist you.