

Lap Belt Adjustment

A lap belt is a standard accessory included with the purchase of your wheelchair, this will have been factory fitted, or fitted by your Invacare supplier / dealer, who would have provided you with a demonstration of operation and fitting etc.

The lap belt is commonly used to assist wheelchair users to maintain an optimal sitting posture. Correct use of the lap belt is intended to help the user, especially those with limited sitting balance, to remain safe, comfortable and well positioned in their wheelchair.

Note

In the interests of safety, Invacare recommend the use of a correctly adjusted lap belt whenever you use your wheelchair. The lap belt should be sufficiently tightened to prevent you from sliding down between the belt and seat.

Adjustment

Ensure you are sitting correctly, i.e. fully back in the seat, and the pelvis is as upright and symmetrical as possible – not forward on one side or tilted back.

Position the lap belt so that the hip bones can be felt above the belt.

Adjust the length of the lap belt using the buckles on either side of the clasp. As a guide, adjust the length so that there is just sufficient room for your hand to slide between your body and the belt. For ease of use it is recommended that the clasp is kept in a central position i.e. make adjustments to each side.

Warning

During transportation the user should be restrained independently of the wheelchair by a suitably approved restraint system, the lap belt supplied with your wheelchair may be used in **addition** to but **never** as a substitute for an approved passenger restraint system.