

## Wheelchair Safety

### *Getting around University of Washington Medical Center*

*This handout is about getting around the hospital and clinics at University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) in a wheelchair.*

Many people need a wheelchair to get to hospital units and their clinic appointments. UWMC is concerned about your safety while you are being transported in a wheelchair. We want to prevent falls and injuries while you are being transported.

### Keeping You Safe

- UWMC volunteers and staff are trained in wheelchair safety. They are here to help with your safe transport while you are at the medical center.
- While you may bring your wheelchair from home, UWMC volunteers and staff cannot push you an unsafe wheelchair. To be safe, your wheelchair must have:
  - Working brakes
  - Working foot rests
  - Working leg rests
- If we find that your wheelchair is not safe, we will offer you the use of a UWMC wheelchair.



*Call Patient Transport Services at 206.598.7337 if you have any questions about using your wheelchair while you are at UWMC.*

### Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns.

Patient Transport  
Services: 206.598.7337