North Township Trustee's Office

 $\begin{array}{c} Dial-A-Ride\\ Transportation\ Service \end{array}$

Wheelchair Securement Policy

The North Township Trustee's Office, Dial–A–Ride department requires that all common wheelchairs, and/or mobility devices, along with the individual be secured with all provided securement devices and seatbelts. All passengers are required to wear seatbelts.

Those individuals whom do not want their wheelchair secured but are physically able to transfer to a seat will be asked to do so and to wear the appropriate seatbelt. The wheelchair, or mobility device, must then be either secured or folded and placed in a position as to not allow freedom of movement while the bus is in motion.

Any individual with a common wheelchair or mobility device that can be secured, but refuses to allow the device to be secured, will have potential hazards explained to them. These hazards may include, but not be limited to, those that could result in damage or injury to themselves and/or their mobility devise from not being properly secured while in transit should an accident or incident occur. They also may have future service declined to them for safety reasons. Federal regulations allow service to be declined for safety reasons.

If a particular type of common wheelchair or mobility device can not be secured, the individual will not be denied transportation. Instead, if the individual is physically able to, he/she will be asked to transfer to a seat and will be required to wear a seatbelt. If physically unable, he/she will be asked to remain in their mobility device and will be asked to be secured, at a minimum, with the shoulder harness-seatbelt.

Policy statement available in alternate formats upon request

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