



Wheelchair Securement Policy Effective July 1, 2021

When boarding the bus, the Operator will:

- Assist passenger to lift the folding bus seat and locate the securement equipment. Use hooks and/or tethers to secure the frame of the mobility device to the bus. Instruct passenger to set the mobility device's brake and turn off power (if powered).
- Offer the use of an optional, adjustable lap/shoulder belt for convenience and comfort. This is not a mandatory requirement.
- Release the securement equipment from the mobility device and assist the passenger to exit.

Policy for Mobility Device Securement on Buses:

- CAT requires that passengers in mobility devices ride with their devices secured while in the bus. All mobility devices must be secured to the floor of CAT buses during transportation. Passengers who do not comply with this policy may be denied transportation, as allowed under the ADA 49 CFR Part 38. Section 37.165(c)(3) of the DOT ADA regulations.
- The policy applies to all mobility devices CAT is able to secure. It does not apply to those devices that cannot be secured. If tie-down equipment does not fit or is broken, the passenger will be allowed to ride.
- CAT bus operators must verify that all mobility devices are secured while the bus is in motion, except as stated earlier. The bus operator must secure the mobility device or must ensure proper securement if it is performed by the passenger or personal care attendant (PCA).
- CAT recommends, but does not require, that the mobility device user utilize lap and/or shoulder belts available on all buses. The bus operator will assist with lap and shoulder belt if desired.
- All CAT buses accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, and similar mobility devices up to 30 inches wide & 48 inches long (based on the available space on the bus).
- The mobility device and passenger together must not exceed the weight limits of the lift or the ramp which is set at 600 pounds. Mobility devices exceeding these limits may be denied access if they create any safety, maneuverability or mechanical problems.
- For their safety, passengers using three-wheeled scooters are strongly encouraged, but not required, to transfer to a regular bus seat whenever possible, as recommended by most scooter manufacturers. The scooter will then be secured in the wheelchair securement area.
- The marking and tether strap program is voluntary, and wheelchairs without markings or straps will be secured to the best of the ability of CAT bus operators. Passengers interested in this program, can call 541.386.4202 or email info@RideCATBus.org.