

## **Electric Wheelchair and Scooter Protocol for Independent Living**

Evergreen allows residents to have electric wheelchairs or motorized scooter. Residents must abide by the guidelines.

## General Guidelines

- Residents may use motorized scooter or electric wheelchair.
- The use of these devices should not take the place of walking when able, but aid a resident to stay independent and mobile.
- Residents are responsible for maintenance and repairs of these devices.
- Any damages to the Evergreen building or property caused by the electric device will be the responsibility of the owner. Resident will be responsible for the cost of repair.
- Any injury caused to any other resident, staff, volunteer or visitor is the responsibility of the owner.
- Residents using the electric device do so at their own risk.

## **Inside the Building**

- Slow speed when approaching pedestrians and intersections
- Pedestrians always have the right of way
- All electric devices are to be operated at slow speed (only as fast as the slowest pedestrian)
- Drive on the right side of the hallway
- No passing in the hallway
- Avoid backing out of elevators and rooms
- Residents are asked to park electric devices outside of any dining areas and walk in for seating as able.
- Electric devices must be parked inside resident accommodation.

## Outside the Building

- Residents are encouraged to wear their CarePoint bracelet or necklace when on campus grounds or carry a cellphone when off the grounds.
- Maintain a slow speed when approaching pedestrians, crossing streets or when on uneven surfaces.

Any concerns or incidents with the use of the electric devices should be brought to the attention of the Independent Housing Coordinator or designee.

Evergreen reserves the right to determine whether a resident is using the electric device safely. Factors may include a history of accidents or incidents, or a change in resident medical condition or medications. If determination is made that the resident is unable to operate the electric device, resident will be asked to discontinue use or abide by additional provisions to ensure safety of the resident and the community.

Evergreen reserves the right to require a resident to go through the Therapy Department testing to assess abilities to operate the electric devices.