



## Application of the International Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) on the Transportation of People Seated in Wheelchairs

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### Course Description:

The International Best Practice Guidelines for the Transportation of People Seated in Wheelchairs (BPG1) provides healthcare professionals who prescribe wheelchairs and seating systems for individuals with mobility impairments with guidance on the prescription and selection of equipment likely to be used in transport. The document, first published in June 2013, underwent a five-year review in early 2018 and was republished by the Posture & Mobility Group in July 2019:

<https://www.pmguk.co.uk/resources/best-practice-guidelines/bpg1-2019-revision> .

As with the previous version, the document has been divided into sections for ease of navigation. Each section begins with a summary so that readers may quickly refresh their knowledge as required.. Comments gathered by the review process indicated a need for clarification on a number of subjects, a greater depth of understanding on other subjects, and the addition of transport related topics not addressed in the first edition. Requests for information on additional subjects such as use of tilt and recline in transport, the value and function of postural support devices including head supports, and the function of effective occupant restraint have also been addressed. The document also now includes a number of images to aid clarity of understanding. A notable development has come as a result of a significant number of comments regarding risk management resulting in the drafting of a new chapter, named Section 7 Risk Management.

There will be 4 elements to this course:

- Setting the scene – Introduction to the BPG
- The what? – Overview of pertinent aspects of the BPG
- The why? – Rationale behind the recommendations in the BPG
- The how? – Practical session to demonstrate application of the BPG
- The ‘what-if?’ – explanation behind the risk assessment approach adopted by the BPG

### Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will:

1. Have an appreciation of the background to the original and updated BPG’s on the safe transportation of people seated in wheelchairs
2. Have knowledge of the structure of the BPG document
3. Be able to easily navigate the BPG document seek information they require
4. Know the recommendations of the BPG
5. Understand the rationale behind the recommendations of the BPG
6. Gain confidence in undertaking risk assessments as they related to the safe transportation of people seated in wheelchairs