Correct Use of Seatbelts

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It is your duty as a Driver Attendant to ensure that all passengers on Dial-a-Ride vehicles wear seatbelts which are fitted correctly. You must either assist the passenger whilst fitting correctly or supervise the customer whilst they are putting the restraint on.

Exemption – It must be recorded that a passenger has a seatbelt exemption certificate issued by their GP. If unsure, please call the MCC to seek advice.

Correctly fitted belts should have a lap strap that is low on the lap, across the hips rather than the stomach. It should also have its shoulder strap passing squarely across the collar bone rather than the upper arm or neck.

Incorrect fitting can cause serious injury or fatalities.

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In some cases, with wheelchairs or larger passengers, it may be necessary to use the seat belt extensions provided on your vehicle. When doing so you should ensure that the buckle of the belt remains to the side of the passenger and does not ride up onto the hips or stomach. **Do not use a seat belt extension if the main seat belt is long enough to fit comfortably**

On the new vehicles, the wheelchair docking seats have two buckle fittings on each side, an upper one and a lower one. When using the unit as a seat the upper buckles should normally be used, but in order to fit the belt correctly when using the unit to secure a wheelchair, the lower buckles, normally with seat belt extensions, will be required.

With Wheelchair Passenger

With Seated Passenger