

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Registration for use of Hippocampe Beach Wheelchair First Use and Precautions for Use

A Hippocampe Beach Wheelchair is being made available for hire at Killiney Beach by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council from Summer 2018. This facility will also be made available at other beaches and bathing areas in the council area once the required upgrade works to access ramps has been carried out.

Killiney Beach is a stony beach, and use of the beach wheelchair on the stones can be quite difficult. For this reason, we request that users of the beach wheelchair be accompanied by two helpers. We also request that users of the beach wheelchair do not enter the sea. Depending on the tide levels, there can be a sharp drop into deep water soon after entering the sea in Killiney Beach and so entry into the sea is not considered safe.

The location for collection of the beach wheelchair is at the bottom of the ramp at beach level. Wheelchair users are responsible for accessing this level safely with the help of two assistants as recommended.

FIRST USE

1. As is the case with classic wheelchairs, there is a period of adaptation to using the Hippocampe.
2. The exterior all terrain wheels serve as a hand rim for self-propelling users, the grip inside the rim provides better handling.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

1. The Hippocampe wheelchair is designed for a maximum weight of 130kg. However, because of the stony terrain at Killiney Beach, the wheelchair is very difficult to manipulate with weights greater than 60kg. We therefore recommend **that users of the beach wheelchair at Killiney Beach should be of maximum weight of 55-60kg.**
2. Two personal assistants are required to be with the wheelchair user at all times.
3. Users should ensure the safety harness is fastened at all times.
4. Users must be assisted exclusively by capable adults.
5. Please note that the ramp to the beach level at Killiney Beach is steeper than the recommendations of Part M of the Building Regulations. Works to improve this ramp are currently at design stage. Wheelchair users must be assisted to safely reach the bottom of this ramp by the two assistants who accompany them. Assistance cannot be provided by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown staff. Users should collect and return the Beach Wheelchair at the agreed times, at designated area at the bottom of the ramp.
6. Do not use the Hippocampe wheelchair when a wheel is punctured or flat.
7. Using the Hippocampe wheelchair with more than one person in the seat is prohibited.
8. Standing up on the seat or the footrest guard is prohibited.
9. Modifying the structure of the wheelchair is prohibited.

10. Please note that if entering the water at Killiney beach, there is a Shelf (sudden drop) along the coast which varies in different areas. For this reason we do not recommend entering the water.

I confirm that I have read and understand the risks and requirements as outlined above, and the instructions for use as documented in the attached 'Instructions for Use and Assembly' document. I agree to abide by the terms of use of the Hippocampe Wheelchair.

MANDATORY

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Date: _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____