

# GUARDIAN

## User Instruction Manual & Warranty

### Guardian Easy Care® Transport Wheelchair



### **READ BEFORE USE**

#### **REVIEW THIS MANUAL**

Before using this chair you, and each person who may assist you, should read this entire manual and make sure to follow all instructions. Review the warnings often, until they are second nature to you.

#### **WARNINGS**

The word **WARNING** refers to a hazard or unsafe practice that may cause severe injury or death to you or to other persons. Heed all warnings. If you fail to do so a fall, tip-over or loss of control may occur and cause severe injury to the rider or others.

**W A R N I N G S****▲ WARNING****WARNING For The Rider:**

1. Make sure that each person who helps you reads and follows all warnings and instructions that apply.
2. BEFORE riding, you should be trained in the safe use of this chair by your health care advisor.
3. After engaging wheel locks, practice bending, reaching and transfers until you know the limit of your ability.

**WARNING For Attendants:**

1. Work with the wheelchair user's doctor, nurse or therapist to learn safe methods best suited to your abilities and those of the wheelchair user.
2. Tell the wheelchair user what you plan to do, and explain what you expect the wheelchair user to do. This will put the wheelchair user at ease and reduce the risk of an accident.
3. Check to make sure push handle grips will not rotate or slip off.
4. To prevent injury to your back, use good posture and proper body mechanics. When you lift or support the wheelchair user or tilt the chair, bend your knees slightly and keep your back as upright and straight as you can.
5. Remind the wheelchair user to lean back when you tilt the chair backward.
6. To avoid tripping, unlock and rotate anti-tip tubes up, out of the way (if included). ALWAYS lock the rear wheels and lock anti-tip tubes in place if you must leave the wheelchair user alone, even for a moment. This will reduce the risk of a tip over or loss of control of the chair.
7. Lock wheels when assisting rider in transferring in or out of the chair.

**GENERAL WARNINGS**

1. Do not exceed the weight limit listed on the product for combined weight of rider and items carried. If you do exceed the limit, damage to your chair, a fall, tip over or loss of control may occur and cause severe injury to the rider or others.
2. Before each use, make sure the chair rolls easily and that all parts work smoothly. Check for noise, vibration, or a change in ease of use. (They may indicate loose fasteners, or damage to your chair.)
3. Repair any problem. Your authorized supplier can help you find and correct the problem.
4. If you modify or adjust this chair, it may increase the risk of a tip-over UNLESS you make other changes as well. Always, consult your authorized supplier BEFORE you modify or adjust your chair.
5. Unauthorized modifications or use of parts not supplied or approved by Sunrise may change the chair structure. This will void the warranty and may cause a safety hazard.
6. Contact with water or excess moisture may cause your chair to rust or corrode. This could cause your chair to fail.

## M A I N T E N A N C E

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- a. Do not use your chair in a shower, pool or other body of water. The chair tubing and parts are not watertight and may rust or corrode from the inside.
- b. Avoid excess moisture (for example, do not leave your chair in a damp bathroom while taking a shower).
- c. Dry your chair as soon as you can if it gets wet, or if you use water to clean it.
7. Your chair is designed for use on firm, even surfaces such as concrete, asphalt and indoor floors and carpeting. Do not operate your chair in sand, loose soil or over rough terrain. This may damage wheels or axles, or loosen fasteners of your chair.
8. Never push or pull on an object (such as furniture or a doorjamb) to propel your chair.
9. If you reach or lean it will affect the center of balance of your chair. This may cause you to fall or tip over. Ask for help or use a device to extend your reach.
10. NEVER use this chair on an escalator. If you do, a fall or tip-over is likely.

### **WARNING – Transport in Vehicles**

Guardian wheelchairs do not meet federal standards for motor vehicle seating.

1. NEVER let anyone sit in this chair while in a moving vehicle.
  - a. ALWAYS move the rider to an approved vehicle seat and secure the rider with the seat belt.
2. NEVER transport this chair in the front seat of a vehicle. It may shift and interfere with the driver.
3. ALWAYS secure this chair so that it cannot roll or shift.
4. Do not use any chair that has been involved in a motor vehicle accident.

### **WARNING – Balance**

1. Center of balance is affected by a change:
  - a. In the set-up of your chair, including seating system consisting of cushion and or back support; or the seat height
  - b. A change in your body position, posture or weight distribution.
  - c. Riding your chair on a ramp or slope.
  - d. The use of a backpack or other options, and the amount of added weight.
2. To reduce the risk of an accident:
  - a. Have someone help you until you know the balance points of your chair and how to avoid a tip-over.
  - b. Use anti-tip tubes.

**Failure to follow these warnings could result in damage to your chair, a fall, tip-over or loss of control and cause serious injury to the rider or others.**

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**▲ WARNING****WARNING – Obstacles**

**OBSTACLES AND ROAD HAZARDS (SUCH AS POTHOLES AND BROKEN PAVEMENT) CAN DAMAGE YOUR CHAIR AND MAY CAUSE A FALL, TIP-OVER OR LOSS OF CONTROL.**

To avoid these risks:

1. Keep a lookout for danger – scan the area well ahead of your chair as you ride.
2. Make sure the floor areas where you ride are level and free of obstacles.
3. Remove or cover threshold strips between rooms.
4. Install a ramp at entry or exit doors. Make sure there is not a drop off at the bottom of the ramp.
5. Keep both of your hands on your lap or inside the seat rails.

**If you ignore these warnings damage to your chair, a fall, tip-over or loss of control may occur and cause severe injury to the rider or others.**

**WARNINGS – For Safe Use****A. DESCENDING A CURB OR SINGLE STEP**

Follow these steps to descend a curb or single step going BACKWARD:

1. Several feet before you reach the edge of the curb or step, turn the chair around and pull it backward.
2. While looking over your shoulder, carefully step back until you are off the curb or stair and standing on the lower level.
3. Pull the chair toward you until the rear wheels reach the edge of the curb or step. Then allow the rear wheels to slowly roll down onto the lower level.
4. When the rear wheels are safely on the lower level, tilt the chair back to its balance point. This will lift the front casters off the curb or step.
5. Keep the chair in balance and take small steps backward. Turn the chair around and gently lower front casters to the ground.

**B. CLIMBING A CURB OR SINGLE STEP**

Follow these steps to climb a curb or single step going FORWARD:

1. Face the curb and tilt the chair up on the rear wheels so that the front casters clear the curb or step.
2. Move forward, placing the front casters on the upper level as soon as you are sure they are past the edge.
3. Continue forward until the rear wheels contact the face of the curb or step. Lift the rear wheels to the upper level.

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**⚠ WARNING****C. CLIMBING STAIRS**

1. Use at least two attendants to move a chair and wheelchair user up stairs.
2. Move the chair and wheelchair user **BACKWARD** up the stairs.
3. The person at the rear is in control. He or she tilts the chair back to its balance point.
4. A second attendant at the front firmly grasps a non-detachable part of the front frame and lifts the chair up and over one stair at a time.
5. The attendants move to the next stair up. Repeat for each stair, until you reach the landing.

**D. DESCENDING STAIRS**

1. Use at least two attendants to move a chair and wheelchair user down stairs.
2. Move the chair and wheelchair user **FORWARD** down the stairs.
3. The person at the rear is in control. He or she tilts the chair to the balance point of the rear wheels and rolls it to the edge of the top step.
4. A second attendant stands on the third step from the top and grasps the chair frame. He or she lowers the chair one step at a time by letting the rear wheels roll over the stair edge.
5. The attendants move to the next stair down. Repeat for each stair, until you reach the landing.

**WARNINGS – MAINTENANCE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

1. Inspect and maintain this chair per below schedule.
2. If you detect a problem, make sure to service or repair the chair before use.
3. At least once a year, have a complete inspection, safety check and service of your chair made by an authorized supplier.
4. **BEFORE** using your wheelchair and after any adjustments, repair or service, make sure all nuts and bolts are tight. Check all parts for damage or wear and replace. Check all parts for proper adjustment.
5. Periodically adjust wheel locks in correlation to the tire wear.
6. Periodically check front caster and rear wheel hubs to make sure they are clean.
7. Check upholstery for sagging, rips or tears. Replace when necessary.

**MAINTENANCE/INSPECTION – PERFORM PRIOR TO EACH USE**

**General:** Inspect to make sure that wheelchair rolls straight.

**Seat and Back:** Inspect for rips or sagging, loose or broken hardware.

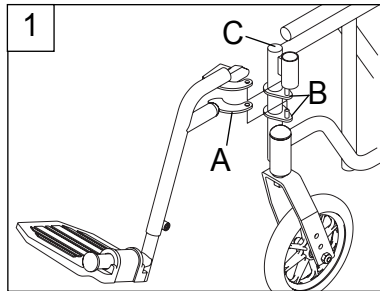
**Front Caster:** Inspect wheel/fork assembly for proper tension by spinning caster. Caster should come to a gradual stop.  
Loosen/tighten locknut if wheel wobbles or binds to a stop.

**Rear Tires:** Inspect for flat spots and wear.

**FOOTREST ASSEMBLY**

**A. SWING-AWAY FOOTREST ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION (Fig.1)**

1. Turn the footrest to the side (open footplate is perpendicular to wheelchair).
2. Install the hinge plates (A) on the footrest onto the hinge pins (B) on the wheelchair frame.
3. Push the footrest towards the inside of the wheelchair until it locks into place.



**NOTE-** The footplate will be on the inside of the wheelchair when locked in place.

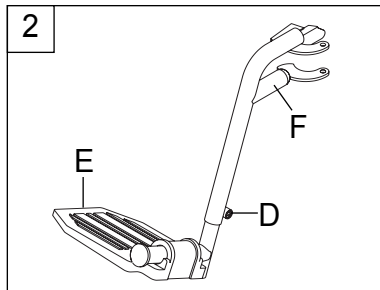
4. Repeat this procedure for the other footrest assembly.
5. To release the footrest, push the footrest release lever (C) inward, rotate footrest outward.

**B. SWING-AWAY FOOTREST HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT (Fig 2)**

At the lowest point, footrests should be AT LEAST 2 1/2 INCHES off the ground. If set too LOW, they may “hang up” on obstacles you can expect to find in normal use. This may cause the chair to stop suddenly and tip forward.

**NOTE-** Release the footrest locking mechanism and lift the footrest off of the hinge pins. Lay the assembly on a flat surface to simplify this procedure.

1. Loosen, but do not remove the bolt and locknut (D) that secure the lower footrest assembly (E) to the upper footrest support (F).
2. Reposition the lower footrest assembly to the desired height.
3. Securely tighten the bolt and locknut.
4. Repeat this procedure for the other footrest, if necessary.



## FOLDING BACKREST

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### C. FOLDING BACKREST

#### Folding:

1. Lift up the two release levers on the backrest.
2. Pull back on the handles to the desired position

#### Unfolding:

1. Pull on the two back canes until the release levers lock in place.

**NOTE**– There will be an audible click.

2. Pull on the handles to make sure the back is locked in place.

**WARNING: Make sure the back is securely locked in place BEFORE using the wheelchair.**

### D. FOLDING AND UNFOLDING THE CHAIR

1. Fold backrest down per instructions above.
2. Pull up on seat upholstery until frame folds. Tuck seat upholstery between frame rails.

#### To Unfold:

Push down on seat rails until chair is fully open and upholstery is tight.

**WARRANTY****A. LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY**

Sunrise warrants the frame and cross-brace of the TRANSPORT wheelchairs against defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the chair to the original purchaser.

**B. FOR THREE YEARS**

Sunrise warrants the tires of the rear wheel of this wheelchair against defects in materials and workmanship for three years to the original purchaser.

**C. FOR NINETY DAYS**

Sunrise warrants the upholstery of this wheelchair against defects in materials and workmanship for 90 days to the original purchaser.

**D. FOR ONE YEAR**

Sunrise warrants all other parts and components of this wheelchair against defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the date of first consumer purchase.

**E. LIMITATIONS**

1. We do not warrant:
  - a. Damage from neglect, misuse, or from improper installation or repair.
  - b. Damage from exceeding weight limit listed on chair.
2. This warranty is VOID if the original chair serial number tag is removed or altered.
3. This warranty applies in the USA/Canada only. Check with your supplier to find out if international warranties apply.

**F. WHAT WE WILL DO**

Our sole liability is to repair or replace covered parts. This is the exclusive remedy for consequential damages.

**G. WHAT YOU MUST DO**

1. Obtain from us through an authorized supplier, while this warranty is in effect, prior approval for return or repair of covered parts.
2. Return the wheelchair or part(s), freight pre-paid, to Sunrise Medical
3. Pay the cost of labor to repair, remove or install parts.

**H. NOTICE TO CONSUMER**

1. If allowed by law, this warranty is in place of any other warranty (written or oral, express or implied, including a warranty of merchantability, or fitness for a particular purpose).
2. This warranty gives you certain legal rights. You may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

Record your serial number here for future reference:

Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_



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