

handyDART

Mobility Aid Guidelines



Fully Accessible

BC Transit has a completely accessible bus fleet in both fixed-route and handyDART vehicles.

Within handyDART, there are several different styles of buses. Each bus style may have varying methods of loading, securement and requirements for placement of your mobility aid.

Scooter and Wheelchairs

While BC Transit attempts to transport all of our customers, some mobility devices will not fit on the loading ramp or fit safely or be properly secured in the designated areas inside the bus.

For specific safety requirements and weight restrictions, see other side.



Mobility Aid Safety Requirements

The following are requirements for the safety of the passenger and driver.

- ▶ Manual wheelchairs must have **escort handles**
- ▶ Mobility aids must have a **lap restraint belt** attached
- ▶ Mobility aids must have adequate **securement anchor points** connected to the frame for attaching straps to the bus securement device
- ▶ Electric mobility aids must have:
 - variable speed control
 - functioning brakes
 - battery tie-down bracket and a leak-proof case.
 - sturdy back and arm rests
- ▶ The mobility aid must be maintained in a structurally sound condition
- ▶ Wheelchairs must have **foot rests** attached



Weight Restrictions

Weight restrictions apply to ensure the physical safety of your bus driver and for handyDART equipment capabilities.

Manual Wheelchairs

Combined weight of a manual wheelchair and customer cannot exceed 113 kg (250 lbs)

Electric wheelchairs/scooters and other mobility aids

Combined weight of the mobility aid and the customer cannot exceed 272 kg (600lbs)

Safety is Our Priority

handyDART drivers must keep their **bus within view** at all times during pick up and drop off of their customer.

handyDART drivers may **not leave their vehicle running** or keys in the ignition while they are off the bus.

More Information

Ask your bus driver, call your local handyDART office or visit the BC Transit website for more information on handyDART service and riding the bus with a mobility aid.

