

Safety Instructions for 'Scooters' and Large Powered Wheelchairs

Before operating tail lift:

Fully familiarize yourself with lift controls, relevant safety procedures and possible hazards, signified by warning labels or highlighted in your 'Operators Risk Assessment'.

Tail lift safety:

- Only an authorised (fully trained) operator must control the lift.
- Secure vehicle doors fully open, well clear of the lift platform.
- Keep within the stated maximum safe working load (SWL).
- Keep people away from the operating area (inside and outside of vehicle).
- Ensure that the platform is always level (horizontal, not more than 5°).
- NEVER leave the lift unattended at ground level if passengers are on board.
- When lift is not in use the controls should be deactivated.
- Ensure that the lift is correctly stowed after loading.

Operators ensure that:

- Lift will lower to firm, level ground.
- Scooter or powered wheelchair is not larger than lift platform in any direction.
- Tail lift is in a FULLY operational condition. Report any defects.
- Lift bridging-plate lands flat onto vehicle floor.
- Roll-off ramp is set vertically (approx. 80°), and fully operational.
- Accompany the passenger on the lift if possible, but do not overload the lift.
- You have a clear view of the lift platform before the scooter moves onto it.
- NEVER leave passengers unattended at any time.
- The passenger should not be required to operate ANY controls.

Loading & Unloading procedure:

- Explain to passenger the sequence of movements that will occur.
- Where possible passenger should dismount scooter and board vehicle separately.
- Ensure that the lift platform and area around the lift are free from obstruction.
- Ensure that the lift platform is in the correct position before moving onto it.
- Scooter should be pushed onto the lift platform, NOT DRIVEN.
- Ensure that persons or equipment do not overhang the platform.
- Scooter breaks are applied BEFORE lift begins motion (or wheels blocked).
- All power to scooter is turned OFF.
- Operate lift platform to vehicle floor.
- Scooter is pushed off the lift platform, NOT DRIVEN.
- The scooter should be clamped to the vehicle floor using the correct equipment.
- The passenger utilises the static vehicle seats and seatbelts.

Please note: The transportation of scooters and large powered wheelchairs may require a 'NON STANDARD' tail lift size or specification. Where possible PLS can provide longer, wider platforms, higher roll-off ramps and up-rated 350Kg systems to help combat the increased hazards related to larger passenger vehicle transportation.