



Town of Cottesloe

Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair User Guide and Conditions of Use

This User Guide contains information about safety, handling and beach access information of the Sandcruiser Beach Wheelchair, available free for hire from the Town of Cottesloe.

Wheelchair hirers:

- have a responsibility to ensure they take all reasonable steps to avoid an accident by operating it in a safe and careful manner; and
- do so at their own risk. Council cannot be held liable for any incident that occurs while it is the charge of a third party.

The Sandcruiser is only for use within the Town of Cottesloe.

It is the responsibility of the carer/user to ensure they have read and understood the following Safety and Handling information before use.

Safety and Handling

1. This chair is a Sandcruiser all-terrain chair and has a lap belt but no thoracic belt.
2. Ensure the foot rest is lowered and the parking brake is activated prior to a person being seated. The anti-tipping bar doubles as a brake.
3. Use the seat belt when on the move.
4. The carer (these chairs are not self-propelled) is to gauge for themselves the ease with which they can push their charge on level ground before attempting to take the Sandcruiser onto the sand.
5. If the person in the chair weighs over 60-70kg, we advise two people to help with the Sandcruiser. The wheelchair's maximum recommended load is 120kg.
6. If the carer is unable to manage the sand, CSLSC lifeguards cannot be expected to provide this help on demand.
7. The Sandcruiser is designed to be used on dry and wet sand. If the sand seems particularly soft to negotiate, instead of pushing (rear wheel drive), turn the Sandcruiser around and pull (front wheel drive) the chair – you'll find it a lot easier in this situation.
8. The Sandcruiser can be used in low water levels up to the centre of the rear wheel. It is not to be used in deep water. Extreme caution is recommended.
9. When in the water the Sandcruiser should only be used under constant supervision of a person physically able to manoeuvre the chair in water and at a patrolled location between the flags.
10. The Sandcruiser must not be propelled by towing behind a motor vehicle, kite or any other means other than being pushed by a carer.



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Care

- To prevent damage, avoid using the Sandcruiser on paved surfaces (footpaths/roads) as much as possible.
- Please ensure the Sandcruiser is washed thoroughly after each use to prevent damage from salt and sand, and as a courtesy to the next user. This can be done at the following locations:
 - o Beach shower at Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Cottesloe Beach; or
- The Sandcruiser must be returned to the following locations:
 - o CSLSC shed under Indigo Oscars, Cottesloe Beach
- The Sandcruiser must be returned in the same condition as when it was loaned out. Please advise CSLSC Lifeguards of any loss, damage or non-functioning part to this equipment immediately. The Town may require the hirer to pay for any loss or damage to the chair arising during the hire.

Bookings

Location: Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club shed (99 Marine Parade, Cottesloe), at the main Cottesloe Beach underneath Indigo Oscars.

Booking Season: 1 October to 30 April each year (Surf Life Saving patrol season)

Bookings: Please book via the online booking system:

<https://www.spacetoco.com/space/beach-wheelchair-cottesloe-beach-2>

For any enquiries, please contact the Community Development Officer on 9285 5000 or email town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au

Please be aware that the above services have generously volunteered to caretake the Sandcruiser and sometimes may be difficult to contact when they are busy.