



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Wheelchair & Walker Safety	SECTION: W
DATE: August 2011	Administrator: <u></u>	POLICY: 3
REVISION DATES:	Director of Care: <u></u>	

WHEELCHAIR & WALKER SAFETY

POLICY:

Wheelchairs will be used specifically to improve or maintain a Resident's mobility level from one area to another area. Wheelchair mobility is defined as independent, supervised and assistance x 1.

Walkers will be used specifically to improve or maintain Resident's mobility level from one area to another area. Walker mobility is defined as independent, supervised, assistance x1 or assistance x2. Walkers are only to be used by Residents to promote proper mobility in ambulation/walking. The seat of a Rollator walker is to only be used when a Resident is fatigued or requires a short rest in between ambulation/walking. At this time they should be sitting still, not mobilizing. Residents should never be transported in a Rollator walker while seated. The Rollator walker should never be used as a wheelchair, as this greatly increases the risk of a Resident falling, and causing injury.