Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)

Demonstration checklist

We've put together a checklist of some of the things you should consider during a vehicle demonstration to help you decide whether a particular WAV is right for your needs. You should also think about any changes in the next five years which could affect the suitability of the vehicle before the end of the lease.

Take your time over the demonstration and don't be afraid to try more than one WAV. If this vehicle isn't quite right your WAV supplier will try to find another vehicle that is more suited to your needs.

Vehicle size

☐ Is there enough space to get in and out easily?

☐ Is there enough space to comfortably manoeuvre your wheelchair into position?

☐ Are you likely to change your wheelchair in the next few years?

☐ Is there sufficient head clearance at the point of entry?

☐ Are you comfortable with the position of your wheelchair in the vehicle?

☐ Is there enough storage space for any equipment you usually travel with?

☐ Are there enough seats for the people you usually travel with?

Conversion features

☐ Can your family and/or carer comfortably operate the lift or ramp?

☐ Are they comfortable with and able to use the wheelchair tie downs?

☐ Are they comfortable that they will be able to operate the lift/ramp and wheelchair tiedowns repeatedly and on a daily basis without difficulty?

☐ Do you need any extra features, such as an electric winch, to help you up the ramp and into the vehicle?

Test drive

☐ Are you comfortable in your wheelchair when the vehicle is in motion?

☐ Does your height when seated in your wheelchair affect what you can see and does this affect your comfort when travelling in the vehicle?

☐ On regular journeys do you encounter speed bumps, if so is there enough ground clearance?

☐ Where you usually park are there size or height restrictions?

☐ Is there space to park the vehicle at home?

☐ Do you have enough room behind the WAV for access via the ramp or lift?

☐ Is the driver comfortable and confident driving the vehicle?

☐ Does the driver have clear visibility?