

## FAQs

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### ***What is special about the Liberty Swing?***

The Liberty Swing is an Australian innovation – a swing that allows children and adults in wheelchairs the opportunity to experience the joy of having a swing in the park. It is the only swing of its type that is fully lockable and allows a maximum swing height – maximising the swing! It is very safe and easy to use; the plastic moulded capsule is fitted with an internal steel frame, making it robust enough to withstand the rigours of an outdoor playground.

### ***What is the carrying capacity?***

The manufacturer recommends a maximum carrying capacity of 250 kg.

### ***How do I get hold of a MLAK key?***

The swing operates with a special MLAK key available Monday to Friday from Council's Civic Centre at reception at 115 Civic Parade, Altona, VIC 3018, tel: (03) 9932 1000

### ***Why does the liberty swing have to be fenced?***

The manufacturer strongly recommends that the Liberty Swing be enclosed in a fenced area. While some people are opposed to fences in playgrounds, the safety of children running in playgrounds must be paramount in decision-making. Consider the bulk of the capsule and weight when it contains a person plus wheelchair.

### ***How does the swing provide an inclusive play opportunity?***

It is the inventor's intention that the swings not be placed in isolated areas away from traditional play areas – the idea is that the whole family can go to the park together, those with or without a disability, can enjoy the facilities some have been missing out on until now. Sometimes when the Liberty Swing is being used, able-bodied children want a turn. We encourage the use of the Liberty Swing by all, but priority should always be given to those in the community for whom it was intended, and always under adult supervision.

***What is the internal seat used for?***

The Liberty Swing contains an internal fold-down seat for people who are not confined to a wheelchair, but who still need the support of the seatbelt, or perhaps access to the swing by wheelchair; it is possible for some children, after initial help from their carer, to swing themselves, and if they have control of their upper bodies/arms, this provides an excellent form of exercise.

***What is the responsibility of the user?***

It is essential that users of the Liberty Swing lock the ramp back into position when finished with the swing. This will ensure public safety and deter misuse.