

Beach Walker – Safety Procedures

Overview

The **Beach Walker** walking frame is designed for use on the beach (on hard or soft sand) and on grass or surfaced footpaths.

The Beach Walker is to **ONLY** be used on Altona and Williamstown beaches. It is not designed to be submerged in water. Water depth should not exceed the base of the wheels.

It is important to be prepared before you use the Beach Walker. Please read this document in full, including signing the safety procedures checklist at the end of this document prior to use.

If you have any questions about using the Beach Walker, please contact **Council** from Monday to Friday on 1300 179 994 or email

accessiblebeaches@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



Before use

- Check the weather for incoming tides, as well as the waves, wind, storms and heat prior to using the Beach Walker. The staff at the **Life Saving Club** will be able to provide you with helpful information about weather conditions and suitability for the Beach Walker.
- Ensure walkway / routes to be taken are clear of hazards.
- Visually inspect seating, tyres and moving parts for any damage or maintenance issues.
- Adjust the height of the handles to best fit your needs.
- If you haven't used the Beach Walker before, have someone travel with you until you feel confident with your balance and mobility.

During use

- The Beach Walker has been designed to be used on dry sand and wet sand at the water's edge.
- The Beach Walker **MUST NOT** to be used in deep water. The water level should not go higher than the base of the wheels.
- Do not exceed the maximum recommended loading of 130 kilograms.
- Ensure heavy items are not placed on the front of the Beach Walker or the handles. There is a basket to store items underneath the seat, if required.
- The Beach Walker is not to be removed from the beach area.

After use

- Where possible, please use a shower or hose to clean down the walker before returning to the Life Saving Club.
- Please report any safety, mechanical or accessibility concerns with the use of the Beach Walker to the Life Saving Club.

Feedback and more information

We welcome your feedback on your experience and use.

Please provide feedback directly to the staff at the Altona Life Saving Club or Williamstown Swimming and Lifesaving Club, or contact Council on 1300 179 994 or email accessiblebeaches@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Please also visit [Accessible Beaches - Hobsons Bay](#) for more information about the Accessible Beaches Program.

Safety Procedure Checklist

Hirer/user to complete *prior* to use of the Beach Walker walking frame.

Please confirm that you have:

- read and understood the Beach Walker Safety Procedures, including instructions regarding use in water no higher than the base of the wheels
- been provided with a demonstration on how to use the equipment
- the right level of support to use the equipment
- checked the brake on the Beach Walker
- checked weather conditions such as wind, tides, heat, and potential storms
- checked that the lifesaving flags are in operation
- provided an emergency contact and approximate time to return the equipment.

Name of hirer/user

Signature Date/...../.....

Emergency contact

Name:

Mobile No.