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## Securement Policy For Mobility Devices and Strollers

This policy was adopted by the TMi Board of Directors on November 14, 2001, **effective January 31, 2002.** 

It is the policy of TMi, that all members are required to adopt policies requiring the securement of mobility devices that includes the refusal to transport, and securement of strollers that includes the removal of children during transport, so that liability can be minimized. Members, who fail to adopt such policies, will have a 7.6% surcharge added to their premium for the year, and each succeeding year, until such time the member adopts such policies.

## Possible language for:

## **Securement of Mobility Devices:**

Passengers using "common wheelchairs", as defined by the Americans with Disability Act, must allow his or her common wheelchair to be secured to an accessible bus with the securement devices provided, **or service will be denied**. This policy does not apply to a situation where an attempt has been made to secure the common wheelchair, but it cannot be secured or restrained satisfactorily by the bus's securement system. In this event, the driver should notify the office, so that a satisfactory solution can be determined for the safest transportation of the individual.

## Securement of Strollers, Shopping Carts, etc.:

Children may not remain in strollers/carriages while the bus is in motion. Strollers, carriages, shopping carts and similar wheeled devices brought aboard buses must be kept out of the aisle at all times and secured behind a barrier such as a stationary seat. In cases where folding is not feasible, the device may be stowed in a wheelchair securement area, if available, with the brakes locked and securement straps used to hold the device in place.