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CARE OF BATTERIES AND BATTERY CHARGERS FOR WHEELCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS. SUMMARY SHEET

Electric wheelchairs and scooters are sold with an Instruction Booklet. This should be referred to for specific instructions relating to your equipment. The information below is of a general nature only but applies to nearly all electric wheelchair and scooter batteries and chargers.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- 1: Sealed lead acid batteries are designed to be **continually topped up** and NOT fully discharged. Don't leave a wheelchair or scooter for long periods of time with a discharged battery.
- 2: The way sealed lead acid batteries are charged determines the life of the battery. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that these batteries are FULLY and REGULARLY charged with an approved charger.** A good rule is to charge batteries every night, all night .
- 3: Make sure you use the **correct charger** for your batteries. Batteries will not charge fully with the wrong charger.
- 4: Leave your batteries **on charge** for as long as possible. Most 'charge complete' lights come on at about only 80% to 90% full charge.
- 5: Don't leave a charger connected to equipment when the charger is turned off. (Most chargers will actually discharge a battery if it is turned off but still connected). Turn the charger off before disconnecting equipment.

The simplest and easiest way to prevent early battery failure is to charge batteries at ALL TIMES whenever the wheelchair or scooter is not in use

*If you have **any queries** about batteries and chargers for electric wheelchairs or scooters, send your query to us at ask@henry.com.au At HenryCare we have experienced Service Technicians who should be able to assist you.*

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