

**LOCAL SUPPLIERS FOR WHEELCHAIRS FOR LOAN OR HIRE IN
WORCESTERSHIRE**



**This list has been compiled by the Occupational Therapy service.
It is made up of some of the local suppliers of wheelchairs for loan.
None of the private companies on this list come specifically
recommended by the Occupational Therapy service.**

**If you require a wheelchair for short term loan or hire , you can get in
touch with the following organisations:**

1. RED CROSS

Red Cross will loan wheelchairs on a temporary basis for a maximum of 2 months free of charge however a donation is suggested. Please take some identification. Maximum weight on standard wheelchairs 16 stone (101kg) with some heavy duty chairs available up to 20 stone. There are a few self-propelling chairs available and a limited supply of elevating leg rests.

Worcester branch is the main depot and can advise you on other local branches in your area. Contact:

Worcestershire (01905) 450400

For Herefordshire Tel (01432) 373020

For Shropshire Tel (01952) 209840

2. AGE UK

They have a variety of wheelchairs for hire at £5 per week for a maximum of 4 weeks. Please check directly with Age UK the maximum weight for their wheelchairs. Some self-propelling chairs and elevating leg rests are available. Contact:

Malvern (01684) 560666

Redditch (01527) 584653 (Redditch require £30 returnable deposit)

3. WORCESTERSHIRE WHEELCHAIR SERVICE

They have short term loan by the day, week or weekend. Only standard attendant propelled wheelchairs (not self-propelling) available with a maximum weight limit 16 stone (101kg). There are no elevating leg rests available. There is a charge of £5 per week however no charge for 1 day or hire Friday-Monday. Contact: (01527) 869107

4. PRIVATE HIRE COMPANIES

There are many retailer around the county where you may be able to hire wheelchairs. Below are two examples:

- Countrywide mobility service, Worcester (01905) 29950
- Wheelchair freedom (www.wheelfreedom.com) 0800 0258005

But please be aware that wheelchairs have a maximum weight limit and differing seat widths for your safety and comfort, so please ask the retailer what the weight limit is.

Should you require assessment for a permanent wheelchair your Doctor or an Occupational therapist will refer you to the Worcestershire wheelchair service.

They provide wheelchairs for permanent long term disability which seriously impairs the ability to walk. They are not able to provide chairs for occasional use.

Alternatively there are mobility aid retailers countywide where private purchases can be made.