

### **BHTA TELLS YOU HOW TO INCREASE BATTERY LIFE**

The British Healthcare Trades Association (BHTA) has launched an advisory leaflet on battery care that will give consumers who use an electrically powered wheelchair or scooter a positive boost.

Called *Get Wise – get more from your battery*, the leaflet shows how the performance and lifespan of batteries for powered mobility equipment can be maximised. It has been produced with the cooperation of leading mobility vehicle manufacturers and battery manufacturers.

BHTA director general Ray Hodgkinson says: “Although the battery is one of the most important parts of a mobility vehicle – in effect it’s the fuel tank - battery care is usually not first and foremost on consumers’ minds, which can lead to poor or inefficient use.”

The leaflet is full of simple, useful tips to ensure people get the best out of their battery at all times wherever they are, including abroad. It answers common questions such as;

- How to get maximum efficiency from a mobility battery
- What lifespan can be expected from batteries?
- What factors affect range on powered mobility equipment?
- Can batteries be transported by air?

Battery care tips are also included, such as

- never running batteries completely flat
- how to dispose of batteries correctly

Just one of the useful BHTA ‘Get Wise’ range of consumer leaflets, *Get More from Your Battery* is available from BHTA at the address above.

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