

CUSHION POLICIES

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GENERAL POLICIES

- Clients are eligible for **ONE** cushion with cover through the Special Needs Equipment program to use as an accessory to their wheelchair. If a replacement cushion is required, once it has been received by the client, the original cushion must be returned to the program.
 - ◆ **Note:** An exception may be granted to the policy above to allow clients who are at such high risk of skin breakdown and cannot be without the cushion for an extended period of time (i.e over the weekend while the SNE depots are closed). A letter of medical rationale and requisition form signed by a Psychiatrist or Plastic Surgeon is required. These requests should be directed to the Special Needs Equipment Manager. The back-up cushion provided will be the same type/size of the originally issued cushion.
- **ONE** cushion cover will be provided with the cushion.
- Clients who *do not* use a wheelchair for their primary mode of mobility are eligible for the loan of one cushion if they meet **all** of the following criteria:
 - ◆ the client has a current pressure ulcer, past history of a pressure ulcer, or wound on the area of contact with the seating surface;
 - ◆ the client has a Letter of Medical Necessity which demonstrates a valid medical rationale for the provision of this cushion; and,
 - ◆ the client is eligible for coverage through the Supplementary Health Program, Seniors' Income Plan, or Family Health Benefits Program.
- Cushions will be supplied in the most appropriate size to fit the wheelchair used by the client.
- Roho cushions will be repaired by SNE Technicians before replacement cushions are considered.