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# **Electrically powered wheelchairs, scooters and their chargers — Requirements and test methods**

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## National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 12184:2014. It supersedes BS EN 12184:2009 which is withdrawn.

Since the drafting of this standard and its subsequent publication, it has come to the UK committee's attention that the needs of children under 22 kg seated in a wheelchair during road transport are out of the scope of the documents referred to in this standard.

The UK committee therefore wishes to bring the following important information to the attention of readers of this standard.

When a child of mass less than 22 kg is to be transported in a road vehicle, it is recommended that they be transferred from their wheelchair to a UNECE Regulation 44 compliant child restraint system, which may provide a more effective occupant restraint system than a vehicle mounted three-point lap and diagonal restraint system. There are child restraint systems available that include additional postural supports to assist in maintaining the position of the child when seated.

The UK committee recognizes that parents or care providers may consider that the best option for their child is to remain in their wheelchair whilst in transport due to the level of posture control and comfort provided by the support surface of the wheelchair. A risk management process may be required, preferably carried out by a multi-disciplined team including, such as, parent, carer and transport provider, supported by a clinical professional involved in the wheelchair prescription process.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted by Technical Committee CH/173, Assistive products for persons with disability, to Subcommittee CH/173/1, Wheelchairs.

A list of organizations represented on this subcommittee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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