



**Spinal Seating Professional Development Project
Reference Document RD3.1: Handy Hints for Taking Photos (Seating)**

Handy tips for taking photos of the client in a wheelchair

A picture paints a thousand words...

Photos should be taken in 3 perspectives to give a comprehensive representation of the seating and wheeled mobility system:

- from the **side**
- from the **front**
- from the **back**

Additional photos should be taken **from above** if client is presented with trunk rotation, pelvic rotation, wind swept posture, and asymmetrical head positioning.

Zoom in on areas where special attention to details is required. For example, broken components such as armrest, condition of the cushion without the cover

Squat down to take photos levelled with the client's hips down to give better elevation perspective and size proportion in the photos.

Remember, a good photo needs good lighting and contrasting backgrounds.

Optional: insert photos into a Word document. Highlight areas of concerns with labels or hand written notes. If required, this information can be used in referrals or funding submission report with the client's consent.

Please refer to your area health service medical record policy regarding the labelling, storage, and transmission of multimedia content in medical documentation and referrals.

