

Create Your Own Custom Wheelchair Tag



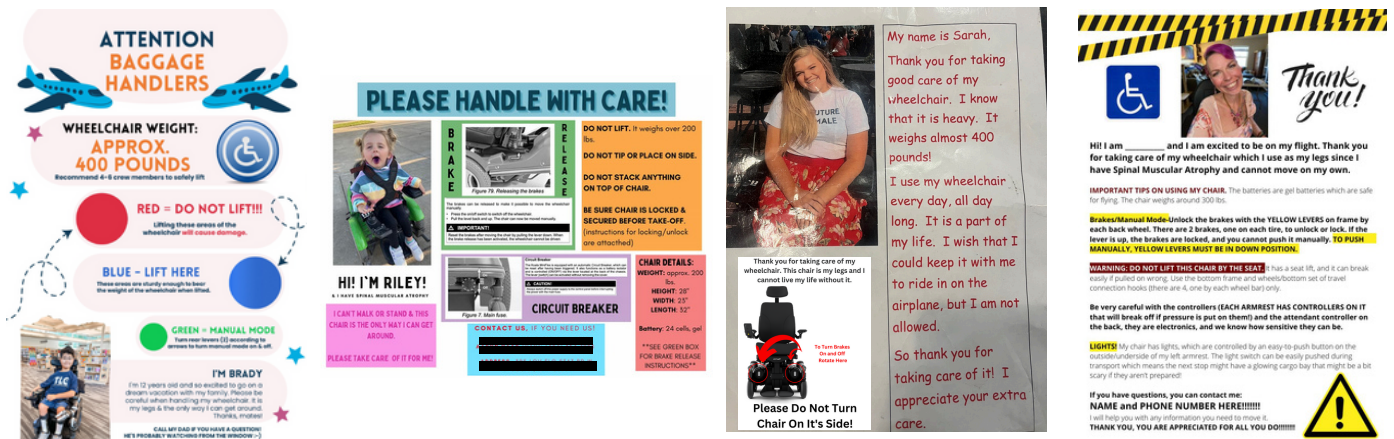
SMA Community members have creatively problem solved the challenges that arise when flying with a mobility device like a wheelchair and have created a variety of tags, graphics, and instructions that attach to a wheelchair so that when you're not with the chair, you can still communicate to airline staff how to safely handle the chair. Taking this additional step of creating your own custom wheelchair tag helps to communicate and partner with the airline staff to not only help prevent damage to your wheelchair but also show the importance of your mobility device.

Here are some ideas from others in the SMA community to help get you started!

- Include a photo of you and an "introduction" to personalize the mobility device.
- Explain how to lock and unlock the wheels and when these actions are needed. Tip: Adding photos of where the lock button is on your chair can be extra helpful.
- Some community members have used colored duct tape to indicate where it is safe to lift their chair. For example, green tape on the areas that are safe to lift and red tape where it is not safe.
- Include a stock photo of your chair, with color coded areas that indicate where it is safe or not safe to lift from or to push/pull from.
- Include your contact number and invite airline handlers to call you if they have any questions while loading your chair.
- Include the weight and reiterate that multiple people will be required to lift the chair safely.
- Include a simple list of "do's and don't's" to grab a handlers attention and give clear instruction.

Below are some examples of tags that SMA community members have created.

[Click on each photo for a closer look and for ideas of what to include on your tag.](#)



Lastly, check with your chair's manufacturer to see if they have any useful travel tools. Here are resources from [Sunrise Medical](#) and [Permobil](#).